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POLICE HUNT FOR TWO GUNMEN

Wounded detective critical in hospital

By T. A. SANDROCK AND TONY CONYERS A YOUNG detective was critically ill last night after being shot in the head and body as he waited at a bus stop by a man who jumped out of a car.

2p A LB RISE ON BUTTER EXPECTED

By MICHAEL ROTHERA AUSTRALIAN and New Zealand butter prices are likely to go up this week, possibly by 2p a lb, a trade spokesman said last night.

CHEESE SHORTAGE

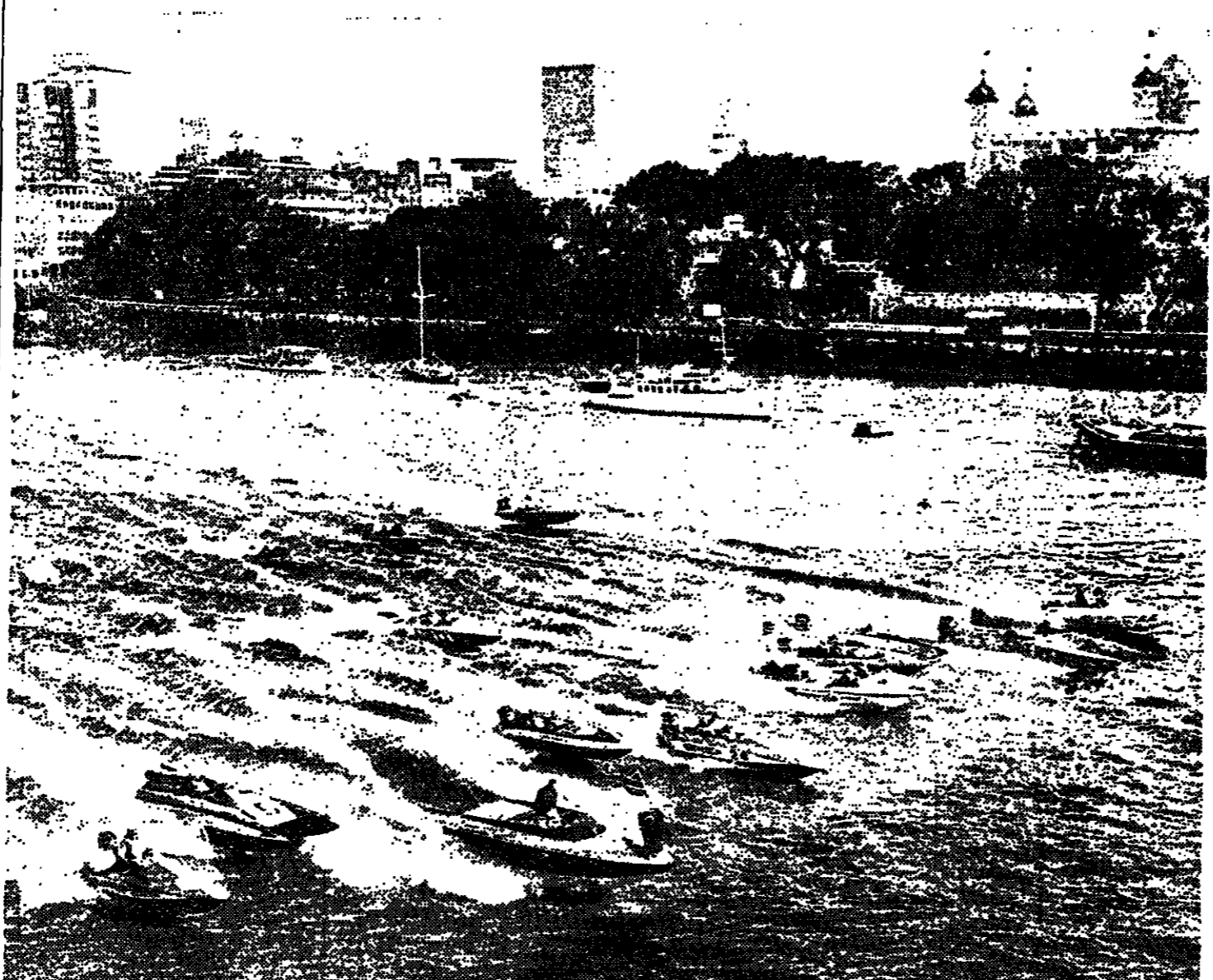
Cheese is also in short supply and this might lead to some cheeses costing more, another trade spokesman said.

HEATH LIKELY TO BROADCAST ON MARKET

By Our Political Correspondent Though no approach has yet been made to the B.C. and it is likely that Mr Heath will make a ministerial broadcast on television and radio when the White Paper on the Common Market is published.

NIXON YIELDS ON COMPUTERS FOR RUSSIA

The Nixon Administration has ven to British pressure over sale of computers to Russia, officials confirmed in Washington yesterday. A formal announcement is expected soon.



WEATHER HITS SEA RACE

Power boats setting off opposite the Tower of London for the Putney-Calais race yesterday. The event was shortened at Ramsgate because of rough seas in the Channel and the boats raced back up-river.

March of triumph for Mintoff

By HAROLD SIEVE in Valletta WITH drums rolling, bugles blaring and fireworks crackling Mr Dom Mintoff rode in triumph through Valletta yesterday to celebrate his Labour election victory.

LEYLAND TURBINE HEAD QUILTS

By COLIN DRYDEN Motoring Staff MR NOEL PENNY, 44, managing director of British Leyland Gas Turbines, who worked for 20 years on the Rover gas turbine car and other projects, has resigned.

FIGHT BEGINS FOR CHEAP AIR FARES

By Air Cdre E. M. Donaldson Air Correspondent AIRLINES may be able to charge what they like for North Atlantic flights from Nov. 1 if the International Air Transport Association conference, starting in Montreal tomorrow, fails to agree to big fare cuts.

ICE-COLD KILLER SHOOTS FOUR

By Our Bonn Staff The bodies of two German men and two young German women were found yesterday by a British couple out walking about 20 miles southeast of Dortmund.

LATE NEWS

FOOD POISONING HITS STAFF AT ST THOMAS'S

St Thomas's Hospital, the teaching hospital at Waterloo, has cancelled all non-emergency admissions because of an outbreak of food poisoning among students and staff. Last night 70 cases had been confirmed.

Mrs COURT MEETS WINNIE SHAW

Wimbledon forecast: Showers. Britain's sole survivor in the Wimbledon singles, Winnie Shaw, plays the favourite holder, Margaret Court, in the quarter-final today, the third match of the centre court. In her three previous matches Mrs Court has conceded only five games.

PARADES PASS PEACEFULLY IN ULSTER

Orange parades passed off peacefully yesterday in 55 centres of Ulster, Ireland, including Belfast. They marked the Battle of the Somme in 1916.

Harwich search

A sea and air search failed to find Mr J. George, 56, of Nicholsfield, Harlow, Essex, after his motorboat was swamped in Harwich harbour. A yacht rescued his three children.

VICTORY FOR HEATH IN MORNING CLOUD

The Prime Minister in Morning Cloud finished first on handicap in the weekend's Le Havre to the Royal Sovereign Royal Ocean Racing Club event.

21 police murdered

Twenty-one policemen were murdered on duty between 1946 and this year. Scores more were attacked.

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Cavalry escort manoeuvre to protect Queen

By T. A. SANDROCK and GEORGE TURNBULL THE Sovereign's Escort of 60 members of the Household Cavalry have been given special orders for protecting the Queen after a newspaper received a letter threatening she would be shot during her visit with Prince Philip to York today for the celebrations of the city's 1900th anniversary.

'ZERO PAY OFFER' TO SCIENTISTS

By MICHAEL GREEN Industrial Staff A FORMAL Government proposal of a "zero pay offer" to about 8,000 key scientists was denounced last night by Mr Bill McCall, general secretary of the Institute of Professional Civil Servants.

STRIKE ACTION OUT

Institute leaders are to see Earl Jellicoe, Lord Privy Seal and Minister responsible for the Civil Service, on Wednesday. Mr McCall said there would be a "hellish row" but no strike action.

Strike action out

The offer would increase the pay range for a scientific assistant from £490 to £1,255 per annum to £500 to £1,275; for senior scientific assistants from £1,367-£1,777 to £1,400-£1,830; assistant experimental officers from £741-£1,578 to £815-£1,725.

During the past three weeks you've saved thousands of lives. For God's sake care, save more.

Advertisement for the Salvation Army, featuring a photograph of a man and a child, and text about saving lives and caring for the poor.

# FARMER WAS U.S. GROUP NOMINEE IN BUYING BANK

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN

A FARMER in Jersey told yesterday how he became a nominee for an American syndicate buying the Bank of Sark. The bank was later used for frauds now being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr Charles John Howeson, 49, of Les Haies, Trinity, Jersey, described how he signed a sale contract in a five-minute meeting at Jersey Airport with a friend, Mr John Riseley-Prichard, who negotiated the bank's sale.

"I went to the airport and met him in the transit lounge while he was changing flights on his way from France to London," Mr Howeson said.

"I signed something. I could not tell you what it was. It was all done in such a hurry.

"Flights were being called and passengers were milling around as I signed the document and I did not have a chance to read it properly."

## Registered office only

In London earlier, Mr John Christian König, 27, founder of the bank, identified Mr Howeson as the buyer and said he bought the bank for £3,000 in December 1968.

Mr König, a member of a wealthy family, established the bank in 1966 when he was 22 after the name was approved by Dame Sibyl Hathaway, 87, Dame of Sark, hereditary ruler of the tiny island of 600 inhabitants.

The bank had a nominal capital of £1 million, but only £7 paid-up capital. At the time of the sale it had a registered office in St Peter Port, Guernsey, but it did not have staff or premises, and had not started trading.

Mr König said he sold the bank because he needed the money after losing £80,000 in another venture, the Bourne-mouth-based Southern Counties insurance company.

"I sold my car at the same time as I was selling everything I could lay my hands on. I had my back to the wall."

Southern Counties, a motor insurance firm with 13,000 policy holders, was founded by Mr König with £130,000 investment from himself and his family in 1965 when he was 21. He saved it with an injection of £50,000 when it ran into difficulties in 1966.

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## Prove solvency

The following year the company was ordered by the Board of Trade to prove its solvency or cease trading, and its chairman, Sir William Teeling, then Conservative M.P. for Brighton, resigned after a dispute with other directors.

The company was allowed to continue trading, and in 1968 changed its name to Union Accident. It was taken over by an accountant, Mr K. J. Pittalis, controlling shareholder of Cosmopolitan Insurance, in November that year.

Mr König, educated at Charterhouse, lives in a mansion house at North Cheriton, Somerset, but spent his childhood in Sark, where his parents moved in 1948. He was married last year.

He is a grandson of the American-born banker Frederick König, who died in Britain in 1940 leaving a substantial fortune. He inherited a big sum on the death of his father, Mr Marcus König, in Sark, in 1966.

His mother, Mrs Katharine König, lives in Sark, and is a member of the island's Parliament, the Chief Pleas.

It was untrue, Mr König said, that he had sold the bank to American financiers. "I gave an undertaking to Dame Sibyl Hathaway that I would sell it only to a Channel Islands resident, and I sold it to a resident of Jersey."

At a solicitor's office in London, he produced a photocopy of an agreement, dated Dec. 11, 1968, and signed by himself and Mr Howeson, for the sale of the bank to the latter for £3,000.

But in Jersey Mr Howeson said he was only a nominee in the transaction negotiated by Mr Riseley-Prichard. "I did not buy the bank," he said.

"I did not pay a penny. I agreed to be a director for a short period, and I resigned within a year."

"I did not see the old pals' act. Riseley-Prichard is a great friend of mine and the godfather of one of my children. I have known him since the end of the war when he was serving with my brother in the R.A.F."

"He telephoned me and said he had this deal. He gave me one or two vague details. I gathered he was buying the bank on behalf of clients and they needed someone with Channel Islands residential status to be a director."

**Non-trading firm**

"I asked him if it was all legal and above board, and he said: 'Of course.' He was to be a director and company secretary and he wanted me to be a director just for the time being."

"The bank was not trading at the time, and I became a director on the understanding that it would not start trading. I never met Mr König."

In London, Mr Riseley-Prichard said: "I acted as an intermediary in the sale of the bank from Mr König to Mr Howeson, who temporarily held a share in an American syndicate which was going to buy it."

"I did not meet the purchasers, and I do not know who they were. I did not hear of them some time later that they were Americans, and Mr König was not aware at any time that the bank was being bought by Americans."

Mr Riseley-Prichard, who lives in Dulis Lodge, Hollingdean Park, was for a period managing director of Mr König's Southern Counties insurance company after working for firms of insurance brokers.

**Permission needed**

He said: "I knew Mr König wanted to dispose of the bank, and I heard from a solicitor that he had clients who were interested in buying a bank."

"I told the solicitor about the Bank of Sark. He got in touch with his clients and they expressed interest. At that stage I did not know they were Americans, but I knew they were not British."

"Foreigners cannot hold shares in British companies

without Bank of England permission, and a nominee was needed for the period while the purchasers obtained permission for the shares to be registered in their names."

"I asked Mr Howeson, a highly respectable person and a very good friend, to be the nominee. He agreed, and the contract was drawn up in his name. It had to be in somebody's name."

"Howeson did not pay any money. The purchase price of £3,000 was made available to me by the solicitor acting for the purchasers and was paid by me to Mr König who paid me a small commission of £150."

"Howeson and I both held a share as a temporary measure while the Americans got Bank of England permission to register the shares in their names. We held the shares for approximately 12 months."

"During that time the bank was non-active. As soon as I heard from the bank's accountants and bankers that it had begun to trade, we both resigned."

"Howeson resigned in December, 1969, and I resigned in February, 1970."

## Not responsible

Mr König said: "So far as I am concerned I sold the bank to Mr Howeson, and I have the document of the sale agreement with his signature. What was done with the bank after I sold it, I cannot be held responsible for."

He was only 22 when the bank was incorporated in Guernsey, in September, 1966, he went on.

"I went to see Dame Sibyl Hathaway and asked her if there were any objections to my calling it the Bank of Sark. She said she had no objection but she would like to see the bank benefiting the island in some way."

"I said I had no plans to make use of the bank, except as a holding company for my own funds in the Channel Islands."

"She said she was not interested in the assets I had inherited on the death of my father."

"I don't know why I wanted a bank rather than a company. I liked the idea of a bank. All the other Channel Islands banks seemed to be like the Bank of Guernsey, Bank of Alderney and so on. But I had no idea of trading as a bank."

**Jersey offer**

"When I was trying to sell the bank I put an advertisement in the *Financial Times*. Dame Sibyl said she was very interested and very happy about the bank being sold. I said I would sell it only to a Channel Islander."

"A group of seven Jersey residents, including an accountant, an architect and a civil engineer, negotiated to buy the bank from Mr König. They were offering only £2,000."

"I then received a better offer of £3,000 from solicitors on behalf of Mr Howeson and I took it because I needed the money, and the bank had cost me £1,700 in stamp duty for the £1 million nominal capital."

## SIR GERALD NABARRO, M.P.

In a report of a court case in *The Daily Telegraph* on March 24, 1971, evidence was reported in a way which gave the impression that the book "NAB 1: Portrait of a Politician" by Sir Gerald Nabarro, M.P. had become remaindered—that is, to say, disposable, as cheap extra stock, after just over a year from publication.

We have satisfied ourselves that this is not in fact the case, and we regret the wrong impression given in our report.

## STRICT SECURITY FOR NOBEL MEN

By Our Science Correspondent

Strict security precautions have been taken for the scientific symposium of the Weizmann Institute in the Westmorland Hotel in London tomorrow which is being held together in Brussels European Nobel Prize winners and some of Israel's top scientists.

A strong contingent from Britain will include Sir Bryan Flowers, chairman of the Science Research Council, and Dr John C. Kendrew, Nobel Laureate from Cambridge, and chairman of one of the sessions.

## Body in River

The body of Peter Thomson, 23, an undergraduate at Jesus College, Oxford, was found in the Thames at Abingdon, Berks, at the weekend. He had been missing for a week.

## Lawyers 'dissatisfied with trial system'

By TERENCE SHAW, Legal Correspondent

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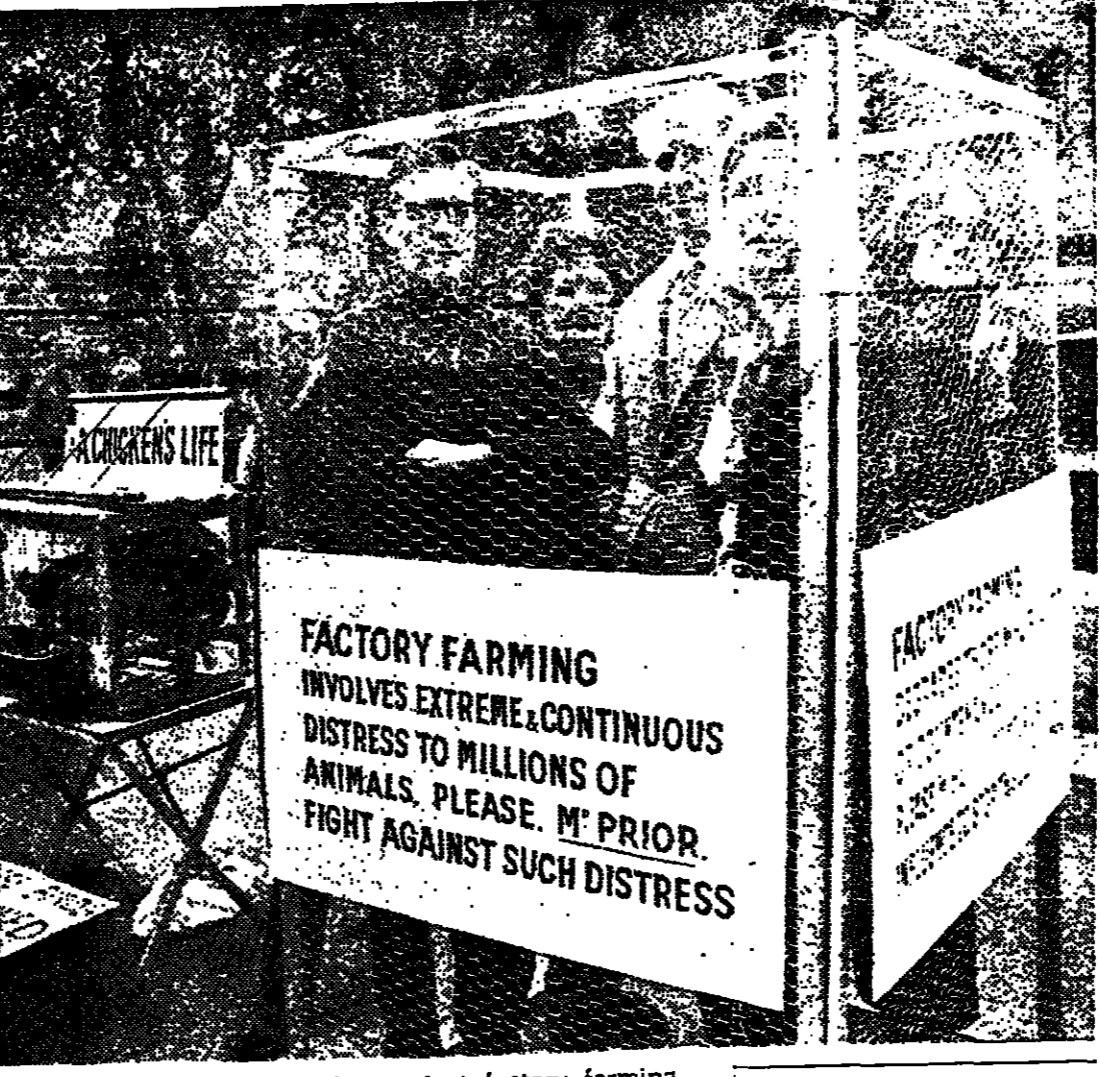
"The task of devising any effective reforms is too often belittled by the fact that we have an accusatorial system in which both sides can claim rights that are inconsistent with the need to establish the truth," says the group in its 14th annual report today.

At the trial stage there were too many matters that depended on the decision of counsel or the discretion of the trial judge.

Mr Tom Sargent, secretary of Justice, the British section of the International Commission of Jurists, said the scope of the inquiry had not been finally decided. But the aim was the eradication of rules in the present system which stopped courts getting at the truth.

It could mean moving towards the Continental inquisitorial system of trial in some fundamental ways.

The report records increasing dissatisfaction among lawyers with the present administration of criminal justice. Frequent injustice occurred when courts were grossly overloaded with work, police were faced with an



Supporters of a campaign against factory farming penned in a chicken-wire cage during a demonstration in Parliament Square yesterday. Signatures were collected for a protest petition to be sent to Mr Heath.

## Tory student to test political payments

By DAVID FLETCHER, Education Staff

WRITERS have been issued against six students and two members of staff at Sussex University in a test case to try to stop student unions making payments in support of outside political causes.

The action is being brought by Antony Baldry, 20, a law student and chairman of the university's Conservative Association.

The writs, issued in the Chancery Division of the High Court on Friday but not yet served, seek a declaration that two recent union payments were illegal and should be repaid.

Named in the writs are Tom Forester, president of the student union; Dr Ruth Rogers, a physics lecturer who acts as the union's senior treasurer; Peter Thorpe, the student treasurer; Mr Colin Brummitt, a university Finance Officer who serves on the union's Finance Committee; and four student members of the committee.

The two payments were £50 for the cost of publishing a political leaflet entitled "Why Support the Busmen?" and £106 for fines incurred by union members in a demonstration. Mr Baldry is also seeking an injunction to restrain Sussex University union, The Students' Society, and its agents, from making any future payments for political purposes.

"Time to stop abuses"

He said: "I have decided that it is time that someone stuck their neck out for moderate students, not only at Sussex but everywhere, and call to stop to these abuses."

He believed that students' unions had a valuable role to play, and was "not prepared to see unions 'killed' by the irresponsible follies of those who wish merely to see by how much they can line the purse of their own particular political cause."

He thought that as a safeguard there should be a central authority over student unions with similar powers to those exercised by the Registrar of Friendly Societies over trades unions.

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## DISABLED CHILDREN FENCE

By Our Education Correspondent

RIDING, canoeing, and fencing from wheelchairs are among many activities now being undertaken successfully by physically handicapped children, says a Government report published today.

It follows last week's approval by Mrs Thatcher, Secretary for Education, of a £278,000 research programme in special education which was recommended by her Advisory Committee on Handicapped Children.

The report urges all schools for the handicapped to provide physical activities to help in the "all-round development" of their pupils.

The brief report, which is generously and movingly illustrated, will come as encouragement to the parents and teachers of more than 15,000 physically handicapped children in 200 special schools. It is also concerned with the many hundreds of disabled children attached to special units of ordinary State schools.

**More survive**

It records a "dramatic change in the pattern of disability," advances in paediatric medicine and early successful surgical treatment of congenital abnormalities had led to the survival of many children who, just 10 years ago, would almost certainly have died.

Three specialists in this field—Dr Robert Stevenson, medical officer at the Department of Education, Miss Alice Stephen, staff inspector of physical education, and Miss M. McBride, inspector for special education—visited 12 schools dealing with severely handicapped children over a wide area of the country.

They found that activities included swimming, dancing, canoeing, riding, fishing, archery, athletics and camping.

There were schools where square dancing was performed in wheelchairs to the accompaniment of an accordion.

**Pop music used**

In another school pop and folk music were used to develop an awareness of rhythm and rhythmic movement which is valuable both physically and psychologically, the report says.

At a boarding school where boys in advanced stages of muscular dystrophy were almost totally immobilised, inspectors found a board of games requiring little physical effort.

"One boy proudly demonstrated the great accuracy with which he could flick a dart on a board which was placed on the floor."

**RATES APPEALS OVER JET NOISE**

Cuts in rates assessments, to compensate a straggle of jet aircraft using Stamford airport, are being sought in test cases by Essex residents. They will be heard on July 19.

**Im children in Victorian primary schools**

By DAVID FLETCHER, Education Staff

NEARLY one million children are being taught in antiquated primary schools built before the turn of the century, the Department of Education and Science said yesterday.

Mrs Thatcher, Secretary for Education, hopes to eliminate 19th century primary schools by 1978 as a result of the drive she announced on Friday.

But there are still nearly 6,500 such schools and Mr Ashley Bramall, leader of the Inner London Education Authority, estimates it will take 30 years to clear London's 19th century schools at the present rate of progress.

Throughout the country about 3,000 Victorian primary schools have been cleared since the last survey in 1962.

Progress at present is slow because the school-building programme until April next year is financed from spending authorised by the Labour administration.

## We're not knocking road programme says Rail Board

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

IT was an "absolute coincidence" that the British Railways Board launched a major advertising campaign on the day the Government announced a new road building programme, a spokesman for the board said yesterday.

He said the Railways Board had not deliberately launched the campaign to discredit the £2,300 million road programme.

"It is quite ridiculous to suggest that we are using national advertising to knock road building or to embarrass the Government into giving us more money."

A series of national newspaper advertisements by the board calls for more investment in the railways. One says: "The superhighways of the future are already built... invest in them and we'll solve many of our transport problems economically, ignore them and we'll destroy our greatest heritage—the natural environment."

Another advertisement says that the price of a mile of new urban motorway could improve signalling systems on British Rail so that 90,000 commuters could be given a punctual service every hour.

**No approach**

The advertisements were prepared by British Rail's advertising department in conjunction with private agencies. The board is to evaluate the results of the first two advertisements before deciding on the next steps in the campaign.

The Government's road programme, announced by the Commons last Wednesday by Mr Walker, Secretary for the Environment, gave details of plans for a further 1,000 miles of motorway.

As disclosed by *The Sunday Telegraph* yesterday no approach was made to the Department of the Environment before the advertisements appeared. British Rail pointed out that it was not asked to discuss its advertising with the Department.

Mr Kenneth Cannell, deputy director of the British Road Federation, accused British Rail of offering "extravagant promises" in exchange for more public money.

He said: "There is probably no parallel for an intensive campaign of this kind by a nationalised industry using public funds to argue against a clear political directive of a Government."

**Vitaly important**

The Railways Board replied: "The object of the advertisements was to point out to the nation as a whole that the service offered by British Rail is a good alternative to going by road. If we had wanted money from the Government, we would not have advertised for it."

"We are trying to remind everyone responsible for transport—and this includes local authorities—that our railways are a valuable asset. It was certainly not our intention to embarrass anyone and we are not trying to upset the road building work. We are the first to admit that roads are vitally important."

"Anyone who suggests that our advertising campaign was timed to coincide with the Government's roads announcement is quite wrong."

"The news about the roads came as a complete surprise to us. We had no prior knowledge of it."

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**FIRE DEATHS**

Papers concerning the death of three young boys in a fire at Cemetery Road, Ousebury, Worces, have been sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions, police said yesterday. At the inquest it was stated that their mother, Mrs Mary Jones, was not at home when the fire started.

**HOSPITAL BEDS CUT OPPOSED**

Daily Telegraph Reporter

SIR KEITH JOSEPH, Secretary for Social Services, is considering an appeal by doctors at a small Surrey hospital, run by nuns, against a cut by the regional hospital board in the number of National Health Service beds there from 90 to 47.

A deputation of three went to see him from St Anthony's Hospital, North Cheam. They are Mr Basil Bushell, consultant ear, nose, and throat surgeon, Sister Mary Perrotta, project adviser, and Mr Arthur Seldon.

After discussion of hospital services in the area, the Department of Health said points raised would be considered in consultation with the hospital and the South West Metropolitan Region Hospital Board.

The doctors are resisting the decision to cut the number of NHS beds at a time when more than 500,000 people in England and Wales are on hospital waiting lists.

A hospital board spokesman said there had been discussions with the hospital on the need to reduce the number of Health Service "contract" beds. National policy was that, as the NHS hospital programme developed more facilities in buildings and beds, the number of contractual beds should be run down.

**Alternative hospital**

The alternative to St Anthony's was St Helier Hospital, a general hospital two miles away. We are offering St Anthony's a continued contract with a greater element of geriatric beds," said the spokesman.

"Representations by St Anthony's Hospital are under review.

At St Helier Hospital, Mr Rides, St Helier's secretary, said its 633 beds were fully occupied. There were 400 people on the waiting list.

Half these might expect to get in within six months. The others, less urgent cases, might not get in for two years.

The 138-bed St Anthony's Hospital had no waiting list, but was forced to close its casualty unit and a 13-bed ward on May 31.

"It is becoming very difficult for us financially. We are now in a serious state, losing nearly £1,000 a week," said the administrator. "We are being under-financed by the board."

Editorial Comment—F12

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# FAMILY SPENDING RISES 8pc TO £28-a-WEEK

**By BLAKE BAKER, Industrial Correspondent**  
AVERAGE family expenditure on goods and services by private households in the United Kingdom last year was £28.57 a week, about £2.20 or 8 per cent. more than in 1969.

This is disclosed today in the results of the official 1970 Family Expenditure Survey, published in the Department of Employment Gazette. Altogether 6,393 households provided information.

## SPAIN RAIDS 'IMMORAL' TOURISTS

**By Our Malaga Correspondent**  
MORE than 100 youths and girls, including some unidentified Britons, have been arrested on Spain's popular Costa del Sol in a Government-backed drive against growing permissiveness.

Police swooped at Torremolinos on several bars and nightclubs allegedly "frequented by persons of immoral conduct." A convoy of black marauds took away 114 suspects, mostly foreign tourists, for questioning.

Expulsion threat  
All those arrested were later released at the discretion of the civil governor and now face possible expulsion from Spain, or heavy fines for "offending public morals," or for vagrancy.

Police refused to identify those arrested and the British Consul, Mr Thomas Tuite, said: "We are investigating the incident to try to find out how many Britons are involved."

The Government has also closed the leading Spanish women's magazine, *Triunfo*, for four months for "violating good morals and decency."

## CIVILIANS go to the top at parachuting

**By Our Parachuting Correspondent**  
FOR the first time civilians won most of the major prizes in the British Parachute Association's National Championships at Halfpenny Green, Bobbington, Worcs. Entering the plane is Mrs Geraldine Vatsdale. Seated: Miss Tracy Rixon, women's champion and winner of the Lady Quilter Cup; John Meacock, men's champion, who won The Daily Telegraph Cup; and (behind) Bob King and Bob Hiatt.

Competitors about to take off in a Rapide to make individual accuracy jumps in the British Parachute Association's National Championships at Halfpenny Green, Bobbington, Worcs. Entering the plane is Mrs Geraldine Vatsdale. Seated: Miss Tracy Rixon, women's champion and winner of the Lady Quilter Cup; John Meacock, men's champion, who won The Daily Telegraph Cup; and (behind) Bob King and Bob Hiatt.

## Biggest increase on food

Main items of average weekly expenditure per household, compared with 1969, were:

Items	1970	% of total	1969	% of total
Food (including outside meals)	7.35	25.7	6.88	26.1
Transport and vehicles	3.91	13.7	3.66	13.9
Housing	3.58	12.6	3.27	12.4
Clothing and footwear	2.64	9.2	2.34	8.9
Services (rent, post, phone, hols., subs., gifts, fees, etc.)	2.58	9.0	2.34	8.9
Goods not under other headings	2.12	7.4	1.91	7.2
Durable household goods	1.85	6.5	1.66	6.3
Fuel, light, power	1.79	6.5	1.75	6.6
Tobacco	1.37	4.8	1.35	5.1
Alcoholic drink	1.37	4.8	1.13	4.3
Miscellaneous	0.10	0.3	0.08	0.3



## Explorer expects rapids to be terrifying

**DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER**  
CAPTAIN Sir Ranulph Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, 27, who is leading a five-man Royal Scots Greys expedition to British Columbia, admitted yesterday that at one stage he expects to be terrified.

## TUNNEL WALK FOR CHARITY

Thousands of walkers got their first look at the inside of the second Mersey Tunnel, Kingsway, yesterday. The tunnel, opened by the Queen on Thursday, did not open to traffic until midnight last night.

## BOND WINNER

The weekly £25,000 Premium Bond prize was won by SMN 837425. The winner lives in Gloucestershire.

## FUN-FAIR FOR MOSCOW

ALL the fun of the fair is going to Moscow. For the first time, Russians will taste candy floss, race round a dodgem car track and chance their kopeks on coin-operated amusement machines.

## Joint venture

The contingent's visit is a joint venture by the Amusement Trades Association and the Department of Trade and Industry.

## BABY FOR PRINCESS

**By Our Kathmandu Correspondent**  
Crown Princess Aishwarya, 25, wife of Crown Prince Birendra, 27, of Nepal, yesterday gave birth to a son in Kathmandu. The couple were married in February last year.

## CULT BUYS SCHOOL

The Church of Scientology has paid £35,000 for a former boarding school at West Hoathly, Sussex, for use as a staff training centre.

## Landlord will hold party for gunman who robbed him

**DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER**  
THE landlord of a Hampshire inn, Mr Reginald Bayley, is planning a celebration for a man who was jailed for robbing him at gunpoint. "As far as I'm concerned it's all forgiven," Mr Bayley said yesterday.

## 2 am CLOSING FOR INNS URGED

**Daily Telegraph Reporter**  
PUBLIC houses should normally be allowed to stay open until well after midnight, says the Association of Municipal Corporations in recommendations to the Government published today.

Other recommendations are that children should be allowed to accompany their parents on licensed premises in a special area set aside for this purpose; and that Sunday drinking in Wales should be brought into line with the law in England.

## Sunday restrictions

Licences for off-sales should be scrapped, subject to some Sunday restrictions. Licensing authorities should have power to vary the closing-time of public houses to meet special circumstances.

## Home Office figures show a big increase in recent years in drinking offences by people under 18.

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## Parachutists marry

Colin May, 26, who won the Chandy trophy for the best Scottish performer, was married to Miss Jenny Hill, 20, during the championships. The bride, also, is a parachutist.

## PORTUGUESE M.P. TO EDIT PAPER

**By Our Lisbon Correspondent**  
Dr Jose Manuel Homem de Melo, one of Portugal's most influential M.P.s, was named yesterday editor of *A Copal*, the evening newspaper.

## ANGOLA VISIT

**By Our Lisbon Correspondent**  
Prof. Silva Cunha, Portuguese Overseas Minister, left Lisbon yesterday to visit Angola and Mozambique. He will also represent Portugal at the Malawi independence anniversary celebrations.

## BREATHING APPARATUS

Much of the gear, including four rubber diaphragms with outboard motors, has been adapted to cope with the long journey by water. The team will be equipped with underwater breathing apparatus, in case it is thrown into whirlpools.

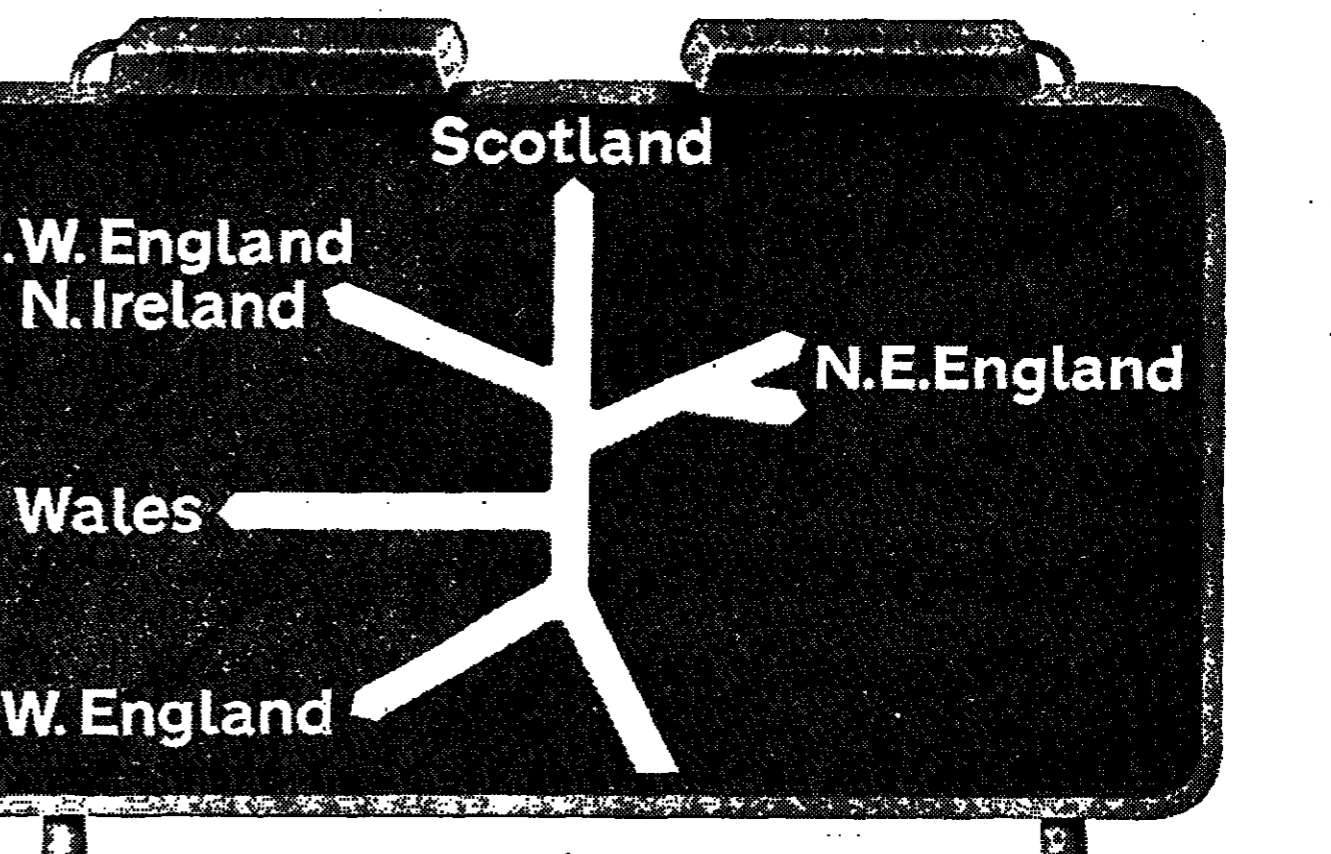
## SCOTLAND TO EDIT PAPER

The other members of the expedition, who have been picked for their qualifications as swimmers, mechanics and signallers, are Cpl Joseph Skibinski, 26, Cpl John Wallace, 24, Trooper Jack McConnell, 22, all of Edinburgh, and Cpl Stanley Cribbet, 27, of Princescote, Devon.

## BABY'S PARENTS SUE SHIPOWNERS

A couple who claim that their holiday cruise to South Africa was spoiled because they were no proper nursery facilities for their baby son are suing the Union Castle Mail Steamship Co. in the High Court for damages for alleged breach of contract and misrepresentation.

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# FARMERS DOUBT POMPIDOU PLEDGE ON SAFEGUARDS

By ANNE SINGTON in Paris  
FRENCH farmers remained angrily unconvinced yesterday by President Pompidou's weekend speech in his home Department of Cantal, in which he stressed the increased export potential for agricultural products from British entry into the Common Market.

Urging French farmers to seize the opportunity, he reminded his audience that Britain was the world's leading importer of food products, and "we have no reason to fear a recession."

## SIX TALKS TO AID FISHING INDUSTRY

By WALTER FARE Common Market Correspondent  
PLANS to safeguard the British inshore fisheries industry after entry into the Common Market are due to be discussed by Britain and the Six in Brussels on July 12.

The Six have already helped solve the problem of fisheries safeguards by agreeing to change their common fisheries policy to suit Britain and the other applicants for membership.

The problems facing negotiators next month are:  
1—Should the present common market policy be changed to safeguard fisheries within Britain's six-mile limit or within a 12-mile limit which Norwegians claim is essential for Norway.

2—The common system for marketing fish and its applications to Britain's fishing industry.

Concessions to Six  
Brussels officials say the Six might separately arrange to provide Norway with adequate safeguards within her 12-mile limit.

Britain has sought full safeguards within her six-mile limit and has indicated that she is prepared to allow certain concessions to Six fishermen between the six-mile and 12-mile limits.

Officials say that if Norway were given extra safeguards for her 12-mile limit, British fishermen might be denied the right to fish within that limit.

Finance Ministers of the Six are due to meet in Brussels later this week to consider demands by France that West Germany should stop floating the Deutsche mark.

# MP attacks conference on Market entry

By Our Political Correspondent  
A FORETASTE of the kind of wrangle that seems bound to develop at the Labour party's special conference on the Common Market in London on July 17 came last night from Mr Paul Ross (Lab. Blackley), an Opposition Front Bench spokesman on employment. He described the conference as "a ludicrous waste of time."

Speaking at Kenton, Middlesex, Mr. Ross said: "Instead of futile argument between pro and anti-Marketees, we should be spending our time hammering out how the Labour party and trade unions will link up with their counterparts in Europe to advance living standards."

In Mr. Ross's view Labour would make itself look ridiculous by renegeing on its commitment to Europe. "Our aim must be to establish a firm basis for closer links with our fellow-Socialists in Europe."

"Unfortunately some people in the party are a generation out of date with their insular concepts."

Attack on Heath  
Meanwhile Mr IAN MIKARDO, who as party chairman this year will preside over the conference, has made it clear that he hopes to turn the Market issue into a united attack on the Prime Minister's competence and trustworthiness.

Speaking at Silver End, Essex, he asked: "Whatever you think of the terms of British entry, can you possibly trust Edward Heath to see that they operate in our favour after we've got in?"

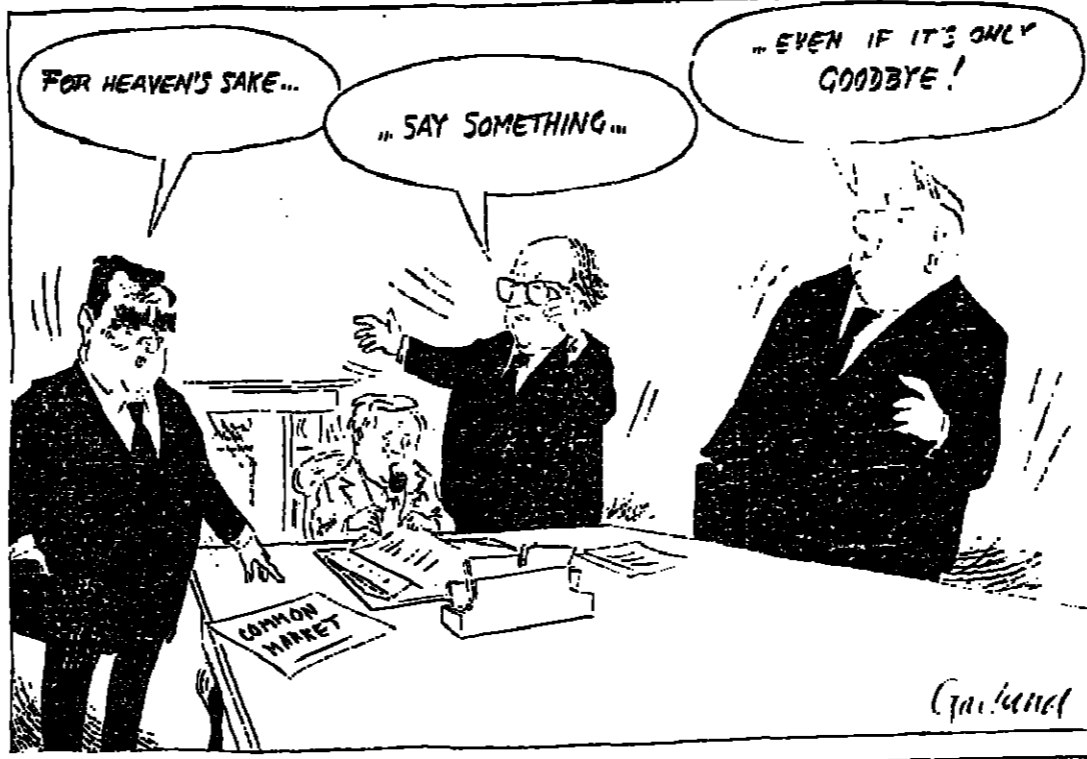
"Quite a lot of things are left over for settlement after we've signed the Treaty. They will still be the subject of negotiation over the next two or three years."

"A Prime Minister who has got this country into the worst economic mess for 40 years, who has created the economic miracle of runaway price inflation and runaway unemployment inflation at the same time, isn't going to be able to stand up to those tough, skilled operators on the other side of the Channel."

Mr RUSSELL KEAR (Lab., Feltham), like Mr Mikardo, a prominent member of the Left-wing Tribune group, demanded that Mr Wilson should "stop pretending the terms of entry into Europe are still not known and give the party the leadership it needs."

He said at a trade union meeting in Glasgow that nothing was more mistaken than to suppose party unity could be maintained by dodging the issue and delaying a firm stance for as long as possible.

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# Nixon urged to speak to nation on secrets leak

By OUR WASHINGTON STAFF  
PRESIDENT NIXON is being urged by his political advisers to make a public statement, probably on television this week, setting forth his position on the Vietnam secrets disclosures.

They are anxious to see him restore "credibility in Government," re-emphasize that he is working towards an American withdrawal from, not an escalation of, the unpopular war, and affirm that he is not trying to muzzle the Press.

What White House officials feel is unfair is the way the disclosures have contributed to a general mood of distrust of the Government—an official Government—by the public.

"We are taking a pounding for the mistakes of our predecessors—and we don't think we deserve it," was how one White House official put it yesterday.

Ellsberg hunt  
Dr Daniel Ellsberg, who is said to have passed the secret Pentagon war documents on to the New York Times, will give himself up to authorities in Boston this morning, his lawyers said over the week-end.

However the Federal Bureau of Investigation refused to call off its nation-wide man-hunt for the missing research scholar, who is accused of illegally possessing top secret government documents and not returning them.

His lawyers said he was innocent of any crime over Pentagon documents. A former New York Times reporter has named Dr. Ellsberg as the man who leaked the documents to the newspapers in the first place.

## Around America—PESTICIDE KILLS FISH IN LAKE

By Our New York Staff  
OFFICIALS and volunteers are working round the clock to remove all traces of a pesticide which was deliberately emptied into a five-acre lake in Portsmouth, Ohio, and which has killed thousands of fish, frogs and snakes.

Gary D. Hiles, 24, has been arrested by police who say witnesses saw him throw a half gallon of the pesticide, Endrin, into the lake after being dismissed by a company which distributes the pesticide.

Endrin is similar to DDT, but it does not break down in water. Because of this officials decided they would have to remove it completely from the lake before it caused harm to humans, to the water downstream and the total environment of the local state park.

Special pumping equipment has been set up to drain the lake and filter the water through cleansing chemicals. When the level is low enough, the sides of the lake will be cleaned and eventually the water will be restocked with fish from state hatcheries.

Decision soon  
The nine members of the Supreme Court are expected to announce early this week whether the New York Times and the Washington Post may resume publication of the documents. The ruling, which will presumably settle the matter conclusively, could come today.

The justices spent most of Saturday on the case which has been both scandalous and debilitating America for the past two weeks. At issue is whether or not the newspapers are permitted to print any material they judge to be of genuine national interest, or whether the Government can halt publication of matter that would damage national security.

The latest disclosures have appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the Knight newspapers chain. The Post-Dispatch quotes Mr McNamara, then Defence Secretary, as saying the pacification programme in South Vietnam was "a bad disappointment."

## STUDY ON POLICE Aid to recruitment

THE Justice Department is to spend over £40,000 to determine the psychological make-up of a good policeman. The three-and-a-half year study will be carried out by a Minneapolis organisation.

Mr. Clarence Coster, associate administrator of the Department said the goal was to provide law enforcement organisations with new techniques for screening and recruiting policemen.

## WATER POWER MAN Birthday jog

LARRY LEWIS celebrated his 104th birthday in San Francisco by jogging 6.7 miles around the Golden State Park. But to him it was nothing unusual. He does it every day.

He attributes his longevity to organic food and exercise. He does not smoke but drinks three gallons of water a day.

## WALLACE LAWSUIT Foundations accused

MR GEORGE WALLACE, Governor of Alabama, has said he would file a lawsuit next month to cut off tax concessions allowed to non-profit-making foundations, which disperse funds bequeathed by families such as the Rockefellers, Fords and Carnegies.

Mr Wallace said the foundations contributed to "subversive organisations," but he did not elaborate.

Kennedy "in no hurry"  
MRS ROSE KENNEDY, who is 80, says in a television interview with David Frost that neither she nor her last surviving son, Senator Edward Kennedy, is in any hurry about a possible bid for the Presidency.

"He assured me that I would still campaign for him, even though I was 80."

Cheaters' black list  
A "BLACK book" of people banned from gambling casinos in Nevada is to be expanded to include persistent cheaters," Mr Thomas Carrigan, the State's Gaming Control Board, has announced.

# Bengal Cabinet quits as Marxists make new strike threat

By PETER GILL in Calcutta  
A THREE-HOUR meeting yesterday of the West Bengal Cabinet decided against remaining in office as a caretaker administration. They will tender their resignation to the Governor today.

Direct rule from Delhi is expected to be announced within a few days. Political observers also predict the dismissal of Mr S. S. Dhavan, the West Bengal Governor, whose grip on political affairs in the state has been less than firm in the past.

He is expected to be replaced by a tougher man. A former Indian Home Secretary and an Army general are both in the running for the post.

The crisis blew up on Friday after 12 hours of a general strike that brought Calcutta to a standstill.

It was called by youth groups in protest against the political murder of one of their leaders, Mr Narayan Kar.

The strikers demanded the resignation of the Government. The State Assembly was dissolved the same day.

Another strike  
Now the peace of the State is again threatened, this time by the powerful Marxist Party which threaten to call their own general strike within the next few days.

This would be staged in protest at the impending resignation of the State Government, the failure of the Governor to allow the Marxists and their allies to form an alternative government and the expected imposition of direct rule from New Delhi.

Reports in Calcutta suggest that the central Government may attempt to break the strike. This would lead to clashes between Marxist groups and units of the Indian army and police.

Maj. Gen. P. Chowdry, General Officer Commanding the Bengal area, met top civil servants in Calcutta at the weekend to discuss the deteriorating law and order situation in West Bengal.

Three brigades of the Indian army are currently in the State on internal security duties, and at least four battalions of the central reserve police force are on call.

Continuing tension between the Marxists and the Central Government is foreseen as long as new elections to the State Assembly are delayed.

New Delhi, it is said, will be in no hurry to hold fresh elections. The ruling Democratic Coalition, composed of elements favourable to the Central Government, is in such disarray that elections would certainly result in gains for the Marxists, who, with 125 seats out of 280, comprised the largest party in the Assembly.

The coming of central rule to West Bengal will undoubtedly lead to the more effective direction of policies towards the refugees. Adequate provision for them has so far been bedevilled by rivalry between Central and State Governments.

Confined to camps  
As an immediate step, refugees are to be confined to their camps. Free movement has led to the forcing up of food prices through the operation of black markets and the depression of the labour rate with refugees unwilling to work for a third of the going rate.

Ten of the 16 Land Rovers impounded by Customs men at Calcutta Airport for more than two weeks were released over the weekend.

But late last night War on Want's three Land Rovers were stored at the airport awaiting more paperwork before being cleared, and there appeared little prospect of the release of the three Land Rovers flown in from the Bromley Charity, Kasur, ten days ago.

TENSION MOUNTS  
Pakistan protest  
Tension between India and Pakistan began to mount again yesterday with reports that both sides were strengthening their defences along the western frontier.

The Pakistan Government has lodged a fresh protest against the recent incident of unprovoked attacks on Pakistan territory by the Indian Army.

# Yugoslav manoeuvres to counter Russian threat

By Our Communist Affairs Staff  
YUGOSLAVIA'S armed forces are to carry out large-scale military manoeuvres this autumn, said Col. Gen. Viktor Bubanj, the Yugoslav Army's Chief of Staff, in an interview.

He said the aim of the manoeuvres is to strengthen the defence of Yugoslavia's borders. The announcement comes as frequent reports say that the Russian-led Warsaw Pact states are in stage manoeuvres in Hungary, which has a 250-mile border with Yugoslavia.

The date of the manoeuvres in Hungary has not yet been given. The Belgrade newspaper Večernje Novosti said the manoeuvres were part of a "by no means simple or danger free situation... actions which cannot be regarded as friendly towards our country are intensifying."

A Yugoslav Foreign Ministry official was reported to have said that the manoeuvres in Hungary, which the powers who wish to see security in Europe should refrain from multilateral manoeuvres of armed forces in sensitive areas.

As reported in The Sunday Telegraph yesterday, a special commission of the Yugoslav Communist party met in Belgrade a few days ago to discuss anti-Yugoslav activities by Russia.

Yugoslav reports said the discussions were rather pessimistic. The Russian official Press had described Yugoslavia's internal position as similar that in Czechoslovakia before the invasion.

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# LEE STANDS FIRM OVER JOURNALISTS

By IAN WARD in Singapore  
THE four executives of a Chinese-language newspaper imprisoned without trial by the Singapore authorities are today entering their ninth week of solitary confinement in the Republic's central police station.

The plight of the four journalists, held on accusations of publishing articles calculated to incite racial disorder, has brought international disapproval on Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Prime Minister, and his People's Action party.

But resolutions passed by journalists' organisations in Helsinki and London condemn the Prime Minister's actions, together with questions in the House of Commons, have not altered the Government's policy on the four jailed journalists.

Position clear  
The Prime Minister made his position clear to me yesterday when he said: "While I am Prime Minister, I have a responsibility to the people of Singapore, whose lives are in my hands."

Mr Lee pointed out that politics in South-East Asia were totally divorced from politics in the West and could not be judged by the same yardsticks.

The four newspapermen, all from the Nanyang Siang Pau newspaper, are: Lee Mau Seng, general manager, Shamsuddin Tunj Tao Chang, Editor-in-Chief, Ly Sengko, editorial writer, and Kerk Loo Seng, public relations officer.

Their hopes for early release rest on a reserved judgment by the Chief Justice on applications for writs of habeas corpus. Legal officials believe the judgment could be given later this week.

The same legal authorities believe that the initial judgment might go in the newspapermen's favour were a court ruling, as pleaded by their counsel, that the detention documents on which their imprisonment is based contain enough technical irregularities to make them invalid.

But even if this occurs their freedom is likely to be short-lived. They will almost certainly be rearrested on corrected orders.

There are at present four other political detainees awaiting reserve judgments on applications for writs of habeas corpus. These have been pending since March 20.

Surprising results  
Although government policy is generally to brush off the few timid protests made locally on behalf of the detainees and to flatly ignore international overtures on the subject, a week-long investigation led to some surprising results.

Home Ministry officials handed over the only detailed document ever made public on conditions of political detention in the republic, and also invited me to be the first Western correspondent to inspect the police prisoner wing at Singapore's Changi jail.

I was prevented from talking to any of the detainees and prohibited from entering their living quarters. The official explanation was that so many political prisoners were involved in legal proceedings that it was not possible to do this without causing a Government attempt to influence proceedings by exposing detainees to unnecessary publicity.

Moon Crescent, the year-old brick complex which houses the detainees, has been constructed outside the grey stone walls of Changi prison, the penal establishment transformed by the Japanese into an infamous prison camp during the Second World War.

With the exception of the four newspaper executives, all 70 detainees being held by the Government are at Moon Crescent.

Political prisoners spend a total of 15 hours out of the 24 locked in their cells, have six-inch thick foam rubber mattresses and piped-in music. Cells measure approximately 10 feet by 11 feet. The remainder of the day is spent in the recreational areas which contain exercise yards.

GOVERNMENT PLEDGE  
Letter to journalists  
Mr Rajaratnam, Singapore Foreign Minister, has given an assurance that the Government will not hinder foreign correspondents working in the Republic as long as they carry on their jobs honestly and do not become mixed up in domestic issues.

To the Foreign Correspondents' Association South-East Asia, he also gave an assurance that the granting and withdrawal of visas to foreign journalists would not be determined by anything but the contribution to media outside Singapore.—Reuter.

# DAYS LOST THROUGH STRIKES THIS YEAR NEARS 1970 TOTAL

**By BLAKE BAKER, Industrial Correspondent**

THE improvement in the strike situation following the end of the postal and Ford stoppages continued last month when a total of 404,000 working days were lost through 235 stoppages in progress during May.

This compared with a loss of 443,000 days in 171 stoppages in April, and 861,000 days in 399 stoppages in May last year. The total number of working days lost in the first five months of this year was 10,397,000.

## HIVING OFF FOR STEEL LOSS-MAKERS

**By JOHN PETTY, Business Staff**

THE hiving off of activities in chemicals and plastics is among plans for reshaping the British Steel Corporation expected to be disclosed this week, possibly today, by Mr Davies, Secretary for Trade and Industry.

Labour MPs aid to undermine the plans by threatening re-nationalisation without compensation of any assets sold by the present Government.

The Government argument is that the steel corporation would get maximum efficiency by concentrating on steelmaking. Sale of some of its other interests would raise vitally needed capital for the corporation to replace outdated plant with new steel works.

£2m per week losses

The corporation is believed to be losing about £2 million a week because of the combination of a world drop in demand for steel and the halving of the price increase it sought earlier this year. Mr Heath personally intervened to limit the price increase.

Guest Keen and Nettlefolds has declared an interest in taking back the Brymbo steelworks which is still closely linked with its business. There is also the possibility of a private buyer for the Iron steelworks, near Manchester, which the corporation wants to shut down as an economy measure.

## SEARCHING FOR LORD ROBENS TO MEET UCS UNIONS

Lord Robens, a member of the advisory panel on the restructuring of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, is flying to Glasgow today for talks with Sir Donald Liddle, Lord Provost, the U.C.S. trade union joint council and shop stewards.

Sir Donald, who last week met the provisional liquidator, Mr Robert C. Smith, said that today's visit would probably be of an exploratory nature. Other members of the panel will accompany Lord Robens.

Mr W. Hutchison, chairman of the unions' joint council said at the meeting: "We shall be going there with an open mind to hear what they may have to say, but we shall be upholding our own viewpoint that there need be no contraction of the industry or redundancies."

## ANGUILLA PACT WILL LEAVE OPTIONS OPEN

**By Our Diplomatic Correspondent**

Only a few details remain to be settled before the Government presents Parliament with details of a settlement of the four-year-old Anguilla problem.

It will admittedly be a makeshift constitutional arrangement, unpopular at last only a few years, and the Government will pledge, never to be repeated.

The tiny island will take a step back towards colonial status, for administrative purposes, but the way will be left open for it to return to partnership with St Kitts and Nevis as a self-governing "associated state."

## CARVING STOLEN

A valuable Flemish oak carving dated 1538 has been stolen from St Martin's Church, Canterbury. It shows St Martin dividing his cloak with a beggar and bears the coat of arms of Philip II.

## PHARMACISTS 'KEPT IN DARK ON DRUGS'

**By Our Science Staff**

Pharmacists are complaining that they are being kept in the dark about new drugs. The drug companies inundate doctors with literature on new products, but say while almost ignoring pharmacists.

A leading article in the *Pharmaceutical Journal* points out that the situation has arisen because of the profit motive, because producers find it profitable to court doctors, since they prescribe the drugs.

The article says: "The plain fact is that pharmacists are not reaching down from laden shelves; they have a vital role to play in the distribution of drugs, and they cannot properly fulfil this function if they are denied the essential tools."

## VISIT TO CHINA

**By Our Sydney Correspondent**

Mr Gough Whitlam, the Australian Labour party Opposition leader, left Sydney yesterday for a five-member delegation visit to China. They will discuss diplomatic and trade relations.



Actors in the audience at the Apollo Theatre yesterday, but only to attend the annual meeting of Equity, their union. They voted to reject a resolution urging the TUC to call a general strike against the Industrial Relations Bill.

## Equity rejects call for strike on Carr's Bill

**By RONALD HASTINGS, Theatre Correspondent**

**A DEMAND THAT Equity, the actors' union, should urge the Trades Union Congress "to implement general strike action" until the Industrial Relations Bill is defeated, was rejected at the union's annual meeting at the Apollo Theatre yesterday.**

## BACKING FOR TOWN HALL INCOME TAX

**By H. B. Boyle, Political Correspondent**

**INFLUENTIAL backing for the introduction of local income tax as part of the Government's Inland Revenue reforms came from Dr Hedley Marshall in a Fabian pamphlet published today.**

Dr Marshall was city treasurer of Coventry for 20 years. He is an ex-chairman of the Royal Institute of Public Administration, and served on the Redcliffe-Maud Commission on the reform of local government.

In discussing the Fabian Society's commission to undertake the study of new revenues for local government, he made it clear that it did not imply acceptance of the Fabian political philosophy. In fact, some of the proposals he discusses, notably the imposition of selective charges for social services, are inimical to Labour Party doctrine.

He points out that 54 per cent of local authority net needs are at present met from central Government grants, and the figure will soon be 60 per cent, if present trends continue.

**National policy guide**

"If local democracy is to be a reality, local authorities must be able to settle, within broad national policies, the social direction of their activities. Increasing dependence on the national Exchequer is making this difficult to achieve.

"The most fundamental possibility is that of shifting an appreciable part of the cost of major social services (education or health) from the public to the private sector by means of selective charges; admittedly a long-range proposal."

Clearly the most attractive runners for immediate results were motorcar and motor-cycle duties, and the petrol tax. A general sales tax, too, would be possible, though it involves more complications.

**Computers set up**

"Ultimately, when the Inland Revenue computerisation is complete, local authorities' salaries are likely to be found in a local income tax. Experience abroad shows both its desirability and practicability.

"Taxation of land incremental values and local government lotteries are also worth careful consideration.

"Local authorities could certainly improve their financial position by more rigorous practices in fixing miscellaneous service charges.

"A change in attitude of this kind would prepare the way for the more fundamental changes in recompense arrangements which would be necessary if selective charges are subsequently introduced for major social services."

Dr Marshall regards the present rating system, which produces £1,700 million a year, as National Insurance Bill, 28 per cent, reasonably fair tax which is likely to remain the chief source of local government revenue.

But the yield of rating assessments had fallen behind the growth in the gross national product. He urges that the 1973 valuation "must be comprehensive, thorough and made with the aid of modern sampling techniques."

**Today in Parliament**  
**HOUSE OF LORDS**  
 2.30: Motion to take note of the consultative document on the code of industrial relations practice: National Insurance Bill, 2nd reading: Industrial Relations Bill, report.  
**HOUSE OF COMMONS**  
 2.30: Debate on prices and unemployment.

# Cambridge University trips results

The following Tripos results are announced at Cambridge University:

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## Home help plea for 'forgotten daughters'

**DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER**

**INFIRM elderly people who have a daughter living at home are being denied home helps and Meals on Wheels, reveals a report published yesterday by the National Council for the Single Woman and her Dependents.**

The council calls on local authorities to provide flats with a warden call system to meet the needs of working women with elderly infirm dependents.

One working woman in Birmingham says the report was told by a doctor that because of her own poor health she should have a home help for her father of 53, who was deaf and blind and her mother of 85 who had lost her memory. She applied for help, but was told that as she was living at home, no could be given.

Another Birmingham report said that if a daughter lived at home she was expected to leave food and a flask containing a hot drink for her relative. A Crofton woman was told that a lunch would not be provided by Meals on Wheels if she was

able to cook an evening meal. "Many women do not reach home from work until 7 p.m. or later, and the elderly person may have to make do with a sandwich snack for more than 12 hours," says the council.

The council says Britain has some 250,000 forgotten daughters. "They have severe financial problems, forgo marriage and a life of their own and seldom get a holiday or a night out.

"By continuing to care for dependant single women we are depriving the community a considerable amount of money. Local authorities should organise domiciliary services to enable them to continue in full-time work, says the council.

## CLASS LIST AT OXFORD

The following class lists have been issued at Oxford:

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SOCIAL EVENTS

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attended a service in the Royal Albert Hall...

Princess Alexandra, Vice-President of the British Red Cross Society, will be present at a meeting of the Council at Grosvenor Crescent...

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Dame Anne Loughlin is 77 today; Prof. J. R. Aitaydey Nicol is 77; Capt. George Eytson 74; Prof. Frances Craythorn 66; and Mrs. William Whitelaw, M.P., 53.

Fortcoming Marriages

Lieut J. C. G. Belchamber, R.N. and Miss J. L. Pearson... Mr. E. J. Dalgleish and Mrs. F. J. Kelsh... Mr. L. P. Brennan and Mrs. E. P. Rogers...



PYLONS OPPOSED IN VERSE

Daily Telegraph Reporter A POEM, "A plague of wire-worms" opposing the building of electricity pylons near Penzance...

Synod urged to oppose unity plan

By Our Churches Correspondent THE Anglican Methodist unity plan should be rejected at the July meeting of the General Synod...

RESIDENTS FIGHT M-WAY

By HUGH FERGUSON Environment Correspondent AMENTY interests are to fight the proposed route of a £15 million length of motorway...

Civil Service beat Army at Bisley

By Our Shooting Correspondent THE Civil Service beat the Army with the Royal Navy third, in a long-range weekend shooting match at Bisley.

The Sussex County Championship final was won by D. J. Goddall, five points clear of W. W. Medlock, second, also at long range.

Pistol shoot

The British Pistol Club meeting produced no surprises. Three internationals, A. J. Clark, J. Cooke and I. C. Wyatt, took most of the prizes.

Saturday saw the final of the Smallbore meeting. Staffordshire won Queen Alexandra's Cup and the Smallbore Astor Cup went to City of Birmingham, who won by one point from Oakham.

WEDDINGS

Mr. T. H. R. Harnsworth and Miss F. P. Horsley... Mr. S. R. V. Tham and Miss J. R. Goldsmith... Mr. T. de Fu and Miss G. Harding...

Empty charade

"Meanwhile the Diocesan Synods will have to go through the empty charade of debating and voting on a dead scheme. It would be far better to give a decisive 'no' in the first place."

Effect on moors

They also say that the motorway and a connecting road to the M1 through Hemel Hempstead would spoil the moors at Boxmoor and Roundwood Common.

Women in final

For the first time four women got into the final, the highest being Miss Ann Trevis, who competed in the World Championships in Phoenix last year.

RECENT SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

Recent Service promotions and appointments include the following: ROYAL NAVY... ROYAL MARINE... ARMY...

RECENT RECORDS

NEW composers get on to disc in their twenties, least of all with large-scale works, and Apple, having performed what is possibly a unique service...

NORWAY M.P.'S VISIT

A Norwegian Parliamentary delegation of eight members will start 10-day visit to Britain tomorrow.

Less harmful route

Mr Wilsbire said an alternative less harmful route a mile or two to the south-west would be investigated on behalf of the objectors.

MARSTON MOOR FOUGHT AGAIN

The Battle of Marston Manor, 1644, was re-enacted by more than 3,000 volunteers in the grounds of Castle Howard, near York, yesterday.

BRITON WINS CLAY PIGEON GRAND PRIX

Mr Brian Bailey, of Wem, Salop, a contender for a place in the national clay pigeon shooting team for the 1972 Olympics, won the Grand Prix of Great Britain...

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Recent Church Appointments include: Rev. V. B. Bowyer, Vicar of St. Andrew's, London... Rev. J. R. Aitaydey Nicol, Vicar of St. Peter's, London...

Service Dinner

The Military Provost Staff Corps Association Dinner will be held at the Millers Arms, Colchester, on Saturday, June 26, 1971.

SGT MICHAEL WILLETS

A memorial service for Sgt Michael Willets, GC, will be held at the Royal Garrison Church of All Saints, Aldershot, on Wednesday, July 7, 1971.

Latest Wills

BEST, Mrs E. Houslow (nee) (died 1970) £24,112... BOULNOIS, Lt-Gen P. W. H. (died 1970) £128,137... BUTLER, the Hon. Mrs G. F. Wood, Dorset (died 1970) £9,367...

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Theatre

# Trendy hero admires 'Calcutta' Tynan

A CONTEMPORARY young man with a trendy beard prepares to receive his modern miss with champagne and rolls of banknotes. But what follows is unconventional, because this is the Traverse Theatre Workshop Company at the Theatre Upstairs, Sloane Square.

Concerts

## Unpredictable pianist shines in Prokofiev

THE programme chosen by the American pianist Francisco Aybar for his second recital at Wigmore Hall on Saturday evening was modelled on similar lines to the first—two big sonatas and two groups of pieces.

Again it was evident that this young player has a splendid technique but is often unpredictable in his interpretations.

His glittering tone was admirably suited to Prokofiev's Seventh Sonata and even if the scale sometimes seemed exaggerated the execution of the details was entirely convincing.

Beethoven's "Waldstein" Sonata on the other hand was interpretatively less articulate. It was surprisingly rather a small performance, which was partly due to over-fast tempi in the first two movements.

The Rondo theme was beautifully handled each time but there was an uneasy balance in some of the virtuosic passages in the Episodes, distorting the focus in rather the same way as interference distorts the TV screen.

Mr Aybar was the composer's humble, scrupulously loyal servant in Schumann's "Kindler scenes," using carefully graded sonorities in the low and middle registers. "Los Requeijos" from Granados's "Govescas" was brilliantly played but the style and phrasing of "La maia el risenor" seemed to elude this artist.

## SINGING TONE IN CHOPIN

The apparently increasing number of Chopin rehearsals makes it correspondingly difficult for a pianist to carve a niche for himself in his audience's memory.

His finest playing was to be heard in the more intimate and quietly poetical works on the programme and the sensitivity of line and texture in Nocturnes and Mazurkas was beautiful to hear the clarity and singing quality of Chopin's intricate part-writing often among many memorable features.

The heroic proportions of the Third Sonata and the Scherzo in C sharp minor were delineated with care and feeling. But in extending himself during their strenuous passages Mr Aybar seemed a little less at home and his former meticulous control and tonal beauty were not quite so much in evidence.

## INIA TE WIATA DIES AT 55

Inia Te Wiata, the New Zealand Maori bass singer, died in the Middlesex Hospital on Saturday. He was 55. Until a month ago he took the part of the elder Johann Strauss in "The Great Waltz" at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

Inia Te Wiata came to England in 1947 on a New Zealand music scholarship. He principal roles at Covent Garden, including Sarastro in "The Magic Flute," for four years from 1950 and also made a name in musicals. He was appointed an MBE in 1966.

## ONE PILOT BEATS WEATHER

Our Gliding Correspondent reports that 22 pilots flying in regional gliding contest at Ham, Hants, yesterday, succeeded in scoring D. Piggott, of on, flying a Phoebus, made out 49 kilometres down the Hants-Lasham, then turned just beyond the first turn-point.

Other pilots were brought on either by heavy showers were unable to make headway against the strong wind.

Television

## Poor material for star of casual charm

By PETER KNIGHT  
WEEKEND television is rather like a June long-range weather forecast. It promises much more than it eventually provides.

London Weekend's much publicised intentions of making a significant contribution to programme schedules has yet to materialise. Only one new series emerged from ITV this weekend, and this, The Des O'Connor Show, came from the ATV stable.

It has already been well received in America and will probably have a similar success in this country. Such is the casual charm of the star of the show that most viewers will overlook the shabbiness of his material, provided, incidentally, by a team of no fewer than seven script-writers.

On the evidence of their first output, they must spend most of their time writing letters to each other to arrange script conferences of quite staggering sterility. But what is more difficult to forgive is the unnecessary importation of such American artists as the resident comedian, Dom DeLuise, presumably to add to the product more acceptable across the Atlantic.

It can surely be far no other reason, for although both Mr DeLuise and Mr O'Connor seem to find him hilariously funny, I could not raise a flicker of a smile, not even in sympathy.

American imports of this low calibre become all the more irritating after watching a programme like The Comedians (ITV). Here a group of comics drawn from the Northern club circuit trot out a steady stream of jokes which for once justifies the audience's warm response.

The quality inevitably varies, but the quick cutting from one to another, plus the personalities of the artists, gives the programme a welcome pace and variety. It belies the view that the day of the stand-up comic is over and certainly puts to shame some of the expensive, lavishly over-produced programmes which masquerade as comedy shows.

In the "One Pair of Eyes" series, one Anthony Grey, the journalist who was confined in Peking for over two years, 45 minutes to reflect on what, if anything, he had gained from the experience.

The BBC had vividly reconstructed the room in which he lived, under constant surveillance, but the programme strangely failed to catch the claustrophobic atmosphere which must have been one of the worst features of his captivity.

But Mr Grey used much of his time to examine the broader issues of freedom and the limitations imposed by organised society. Unfortunately there was too much vagueness and groping towards elusive conclusions to give it any impact.

It was a disappointing programme, always interesting but rarely gripping. As a philosopher Mr Grey is a good journalist and obviously more at ease when reporting such scenes as the East-West division in Berlin than musing on life's imponderables.

## BUCHANAN TO REVIEW PLANS FOR CAMBRIDGE

Prof. Colin Buchanan, the town planning expert, has been engaged through the Cambridge Preservation Society to undertake an inquiry into Cambridge planning problems.

It will cover the many proposals concerning roads and traffic in and around the city. Prof. Buchanan has agreed to prepare a report by the autumn, with particular attention to the relationships between the various proposals, and whether they are in line with current thought on planning, traffic and environmental matters.

Mr Neil Clark, secretary of the Preservation Society, said yesterday that the report would be a guide to proposed solutions to Cambridge traffic problems. As reported in The Sunday Telegraph, many people in Cambridge and surrounding villages were bewildered by the multiplicity of projects and protests.

## 18th Century wreck may go back to Holland

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

HOPES of raising the eighteenth century East Indiaman Amsterdam which went aground in 1748 off Hastings and which has recently been examined by British archaeologists, have been stimulated by the formation of a six-strong Anglo-Dutch Commission to examine the situation.

The Commission, which has been set up by the Dutch Government, consists of a small group of experienced British and Dutch archaeologists and engineers.

Mr Romaine De Beaufort, first secretary at the Dutch Embassy and chairman of the Commission, said that while the ship and its armaments, as well as its cargo, are Dutch property, no decision could be made until about some of its contents of a more personal nature.

Attempts would have to be made to trace the owners' descendants before any arrangements about the disposal of these items could be made.

Unusual interest



Steve Hobson and Gillian Blake play the two principal young roles in Yorkshire Television's new children's series "Follyfoot," which begins on ITV this week.

## Archives for all occasions

By L. MARSLAND GANDER

ONE aspect of the Wilson-BBC affair that has escaped general attention is the menace or the merit of the archives. The threat is to politicians and others who have made themselves look silly, ineffective, hypocritical or bad tempered on the screen in the past; the benefit to the television organisations which can obtain cheap, good material by delving into a bottomless barrel.

Both the BBC and, to a lesser degree, ITV now have enormous stocks of archive material on discs, tape or film. Mr Heath, when he astutely avoided the noose of a new appearance into which Mr Wilson and his colleagues thrust eager necks, could not prevent the BBC from searching the record of the box. Luckily for television Centre found nothing particularly damaging though his bronzed face came up yellow on my screen. This Chinese effect was because the "24 Hours" team insisted on transferring the original tape to film.

The quality was atrocious and for once compared unfavourably with black and white excerpts from his interviews used on his death. Archive programmes and inserts are now legion. When Robert Robinson was ploughing his mournful way through the 1950s recently, he noted a re-creation of charming Joan Gilbert of "Picture Page" who was seen interviewing a hypnotist and his victims. It demonstrated how radically the style of presentation has changed while also revealing the growing nostalgic appeal of television.

Whereas Robert Robinson has progressed to the "fifties," his commercial rival Brian Inglis of "All Our Yesterdays" has only got as far as bread rationing in 1946. It was in that same year that he began to compile his library which television was revived and its size and scope may be deduced from the fact that Anne Hanford, the librarian, has a staff of 65 to catalogue the intake and meet the audience calls a day from producers and others.

The 200,000 cans stored in a factory building at Brentford contain film that makes possible such admirable programmes as that in which Rene Cutforth returned to Korea. But Mrs Hanford says that the chief demand is for stock shots that set the scene, such as aircraft taking off and landing, or the sea breaking on lonely beaches. She occasionally gets laughable requests that spring from youthful ignorance—for instance, for colour pictures of the Boer War and of a seaside pier being demolished by an atom bomb.

However, sometimes what is available is not used at the obvious moment. For instance there was no reference in any television bulletin to the death of Elaine Terriss, at the age of 100. Sound archives have a delightful recording from "Scrapbook for 1906" of her singing "The Hopsuckle and the Bee."

Although there are some gaps in the archives, their value to researchers is inestimable.

## Early rarities

The BBC, which does on anniversaries, is already planning a big celebration of its Golden Jubilee in 1972, and for this purpose will rely partly on the sound archives stored on discs at Broadcasting House.

Broadcasting began from 2LO, the London station of the British Broadcasting Company, on Nov. 14, 1922. Unfortunately for the purposes of anniversary recollections, programme recording did not start until the Empire service was opened in the 1930s. So there is no possibility of repeating one of the early programmes to which some of us listened with such awe and enjoyment on ear-phones.

But when the BBC transferred from Savoy Hill to Broadcasting House there was a reminder session still in place, to which many of the pioneers contributed. The sound library, presided over by Marie Slocombe, contains many valuable rarities of much earlier vintage, such as the voice of Gladstone. Sir Henry Irving, Robert Browning and Florence Nightingale. Some were copied from the old cylinders on to discs and improved in the process and there are commentaries on the Duke of

## ABOUT THE THEATRE

By ERIC SHORTER

## Slow-motion symbolism

WHILE Peter Brook pursues in a Left-bank Paris warehouse his inquiry into the actor's changing relation to the playgoer—rumour has it that we may be granted a peep in Persia at his endeavours next year—there is a sense of rhythm that is scarcely a trace of Wilson's theatrical notions.

It is not that he is doing better work than Brook, or that it is work with much dramatic future. Nor would there be much sense in attempting to compare Mr Brook's achievements over 25 brilliant years with the uncertainties, gropings, experience and nagging sincerities of Wilson's theatrical notions.

But it is hard to imagine any test of one's attention being more daunting in its challenge, more touching in its naivety, more breathtaking in its assumptions or more hypnotic in its effects than you will find at the Théâtre de la Musique and the Ambassadeurs-Espace Pierre Cardin.

Hardly a word is spoken; a muttering here, a groan there. Once or twice, an agonised cry. Or plot or characterisation there is scarcely a trace. Of acting nothing more than the simplest gestures. And of meaning, humour, narrative or communicative emotion there is virtually nothing at all.

They are the usual things and the Byrd Hoffmann School of Birds is anything but usual. It specialises not only in silence

# Letter from Paris

By Our Own Correspondent

A LANDMARK which for 80 years has continued to inspire the mixture of aesthetic distaste and sentimental attachment reserved by Londoners for the Albert Memorial is the subject of a book just published by Hachette, "La Tour Eiffel inconnue," by Jacques Malmont.

This account is stuffed with anecdotes some of which were already known to most of us but no one could be blamed for being forced to defer to the experts in the matter of lightning conductors, Gustave Eiffel could not resist remarking, "Lightning has never sought out my bridges and viaducts and I don't see why it should make a dead set at my tower."

In addition to the 370 suicides cited in the book (the figure is already out of date), the tower has also acted as a magnet to cranks with home-made parachutes and optimistic bird-men. Not all these episodes ended tragically, as witness the attempt in 1901 by the Brazilian aviation pioneer Santos-Dumont, to circle the tower in a tiny dirigible.

The wind buffeted his frail craft against the massive iron structure, fortunately without causing damage. But an expectant lady was so overcome by the drama that she gave birth prematurely but safely in the lift. (An 18-page English language digest at the end of the book is useful although inevitably short of the more colourful material.)

As a story AFTER two unexpected encounters last week with the old-style Paris buses with their open rear platforms which were phased out of service last January, I began to wonder what has happened to the rest of them. One of those I saw, painted psychedelic pink, was cruising round the 15th arrondissement with a young couple, presumably in pursuit of some laudable public relations endeavour. The other, transformed into a fashion shop, was parked in the main street of Andorra.

The Paris Transport Board tells me they sold about 500 of these old favourites at prices around £80. Spruced up and refurbished, they may now be found serving as travelling libraries in rural areas, mobile offices for public works operations, school buses and vehicles for every kind of advertising. About 30 were to be sent to the Ivory Coast and a Dakar bank has converted two into sub-branches which cruise from village to village in the bush.

An engineer in northern France, blessed with a quiverful of children, has converted his into a caravan for family holidays. But put your cheque-books back in your pockets; all those in running order have now been disposed of. The rest have gone to be broken down for scrap metal.

No vacancies QUITE a number of British tourists, it appears, still blithely cross the Channel at dates between Easter and the autumn, imagining that they can easily find themselves a room at some charmingly situated little hotel on the Left Bank. Let them take it from me: they can't.

According to France-Soir the other evening, "There is not a single room left in any of the 1,800 hotels in Paris." Even the office of Accueil de France, the see who it should make a dead set to be able to find her somewhere, somehow, for every stranded tourist, has been simply overwhelmed this year. "I've seen nothing like this for four or five years," said one of the staff.

Scores of dejected and weary foreigners camp in the various offices of Accueil de France, waiting for a possible cancellation to be announced. Only the 2,000 visitors currently camping or caravaning near the Seine in the Bois de Boulogne, have no problem with the roof over their heads.

Faced on Thursday with an immediate request for a hotel room for one night, The Daily Telegraph Paris office telephoned 45 hotels, ranging from the Meurice and the Intercontinental to a couple of rather dubious boarding-houses in Montmartre. They answered with one voice, "Nothing whatever."

So remember to book well—repeat well-ahead.

## Jewels from the past

THE Louvre, which already has a row of counters in its main hall, which sell reproductions of pures, diamonds, brooches, as well as colour transparencies, postcards and so on, has just launched a new venture.

In an apartment building which the museum owns in the Avenue Victor Hugo, the connoisseurs' lodge has been converted into a boutique, in which faithful reproductions of jewellery exhibited in the Louvre will be on sale. In most cases, the reproductions are executed in gold-plated copper.

The decision to open this "antique" jewellery shop was taken when it was noticed that 95 per cent of customers in another sales point in the same building, which deals in books and photographs, were either foreigners or French provincials.

As a result, a classic renaissance jewel costs no more than a piece of modern costume jewellery.

## FARMER'S DIARY: By C. W. SCOTT

## Community facts and figures

THE EEC's News Letter on common agricultural policy issued recently is of particular interest to British farmers now that it seems so probable that we shall be joining the Community, though like so many reports it is not very up to date and average results in so big and varying a unit can be unrepresentative of substantial areas. This particular report, drawn up at the end of 1970, covers 1970.

Commenting on the position of agriculture in the economy of the Six as a whole, the report says that agriculture's share in the gross national product has been diminishing and is likely to continue to do so in terms of the number of people employed, the accumulation of capital and the value of total exports. Agriculture's share of the GNP fell from 6.6 per cent in 1967 to 6.1 per cent in 1968 and then to 5.8 per cent in 1969. The range varied between individual member countries from 9.7 per cent in Italy to 3.6 per cent for Germany. In no member State do the agricultural workers produce as high a percentage of the GNP as do workers in other industries, which accounts for the disparity between average farm incomes and those in other sectors.

Useful centre In 1969 approximately 10 million people were still employed in agriculture within the Community. This represents a fall of 12.1 per cent since 1966, but even so every seventh worker is still employed on the land.

Terms of trade for the farming community have not been favourable since 1966. When measured by the ratio between selling prices obtained by farmers and the prices paid by them for their equipment and supplies, this ratio has dropped by about 3 per cent. The report states that the situation would presumably have been worse still if account had been taken of the changes in wages, land prices and farm rents, all of which have risen considerably.

The above unfavourable change in the terms of trade for the farmer have not, however, prevented considerable retail food price rises, for 1969 prices, when compared with the year before, rose 8 points in Holland, 6 points in France and 5 points in Belgium and Luxem-

Bull licensing standards THE Government has at last made up its mind about its licensing and is to scrap bull licensing right away. It has said that it considers bull licensing should also go as soon as some practical alternative system can be worked out.

It seems to me that in the cattle world there is a real need for an absolute standard and a satisfactory system of registration that is independent and can be seen to be independent of any particular breed interest. I would therefore have thought that the right thing to do would be to modify the present bull licensing system to bring it up to date and make it provide for the modern requirements of cross breeding. Such a Government-controlled system would clearly be independent of particular interests and would be far more likely to command the necessary respect than would a system run by any organisation set up from within the industry.



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Carl Elliott's Half-price Narrow Fitting Shoe Sale. Knightsbridge (ex Regent St) Starts Saturday.



JEAN SCROGGIE finds fashion for the summer scene...

Never mind the wrinkles, keep your cool—in cheesecloth

COOL CHEESECLOTH (left): tree-floating cover-up cost, red twice at the bodice, to wear over anything from a bikini to long pants. By Fortherrigay and Hoppelwartz, about £7.

COOL CHEESECLOTH (right): ankle-length, with Japanese border print in black or other colours, by Mr. M. J. F. at John Stratton, about £7.

THOSE with the legs to wear hot pants—or the nerve to wear them, regardless—will have no trouble keeping cool this summer. Angela at London Town are doing a lot of little dresses in natural mixed with checks, stripes and plain colours, many with aprons, and a long skirt with striped hem and tie belt.



COOL CHEESECLOTH: natural and brown dress with check sleeves, with apron in brown and check, by Angela at London Town, £11.

COOL COTTON: light and opaque, in stripes of orange, yellow, red, green and blue, buttoning under both arms. By Fable and Tiffin, in cotton, £11 at Peter Robinson, sizes 10 to 14.

## Slimming, St. Moritz style

YOU can lose six pounds easily in a mudbath at St Moritz—it's as pleasant a way as any to pass a thundery summer's day. When they wheeled away the antique wooden tub I had been lying in for 10 oozy minutes they helped me into a hot mineral bath, later wrapped me like a mummy in glistening white sheets and blanket and trundled me to a sunny room for an hour's perspiration.

Colours: brown or wine on natural. Up in Hampstead, at 30 Heath Street, the Hampstead Bazaar have Turkish drawstring blouses with brilliant Eastern embroidery, for £4; their cheesecloth T-shirts, short-sleeved with three buttons to the neck, cost £2-20.

Picture below is a low-necked, brightly-striped midi smock dress from a range of cotton and voile dresses and separates in standout colours.

Starting to see at Bond's church: a fresco of the Last Supper without Jesus; a latter-day mason has plastered a sizeable roof support right over one-third of the painter's work. This church stands by a huge meadow dotted with shepherds' huts; it is called Meadow of Luther for it was here that the locals decided in the 16th century for Protestantism.

ROBINSON & CLEAVER of Regent Street SALE. STARTS TOMORROW! Finest quality household linens reduced for the Sale, and special purchases at savings.

Table with columns for item name, size, and price. Includes Canadian Cotton Sheets, Plain Coloured Canadian Towels, Jacquard Terry Towels, DORMA SUPREME SHEETS, and White Egyptian Cotton Sheets.

Table with columns for item name, size, and price. Includes White Egyptian Cotton Sheets, Superfine Merino Wool Blankets, Superfine Egyptian Cotton Sheets, and Pure Irish Linen Sheets.

Table with columns for item name, size, and price. Includes Ladies' linen handkerchiefs, Special Purchase of Pillows, and more items.



That French Look on holiday: MicMac ribbed wool jersey in rich cream colour. Trouser suit down from £18.50 to £8, and Cacharel cotton voile shirt, black or pine with white diamond pattern, down from £5 to £2. At Simpsons.

SERENA SINCLAIR surveys the sales' bargain buys . . .

Forget the length, you can always hitch the hemline . . .

THIS summer's sales (some have already started, others begin this week) could be the best or the dreaicrest you have ever known.

Weather and deep confusion about skirt length play their part. And some stores are taking the line that since summer has scarcely started, no one has bought their quota of summer dresses yet . . . so why on earth should the store reduce clothes it can sell at normal prices?

Other stores, usually in the most expensive departments, take the line "we're all bored with them so let's clear the lot and start afresh."

Prowling backstage in London stores I've come across some marvellous bargains, which we've pictured here.

Maxis and near-maxis are marked down in plenty, for many fashion experts (though actually not trend-setter Yves St Laurent himself) feel that the very long skirt has had it.

No alteration is easier, so buy and shorten (if you must) for an instantly wearable bargain.

For example: the pure silk print with long sleeves, V-neck with scarf tie attached, skirt flaring gently down to 6in. from

the floor—it is the perfect Wedding Guest outfit for a woman with a bit of nerve, and I'm reckoning on wearing it to the Rome fashion collections, the most dazzling of which take place in the evening. (By Peter Collins, the outfit is down from £29 to £14.50 at Selfridges.)

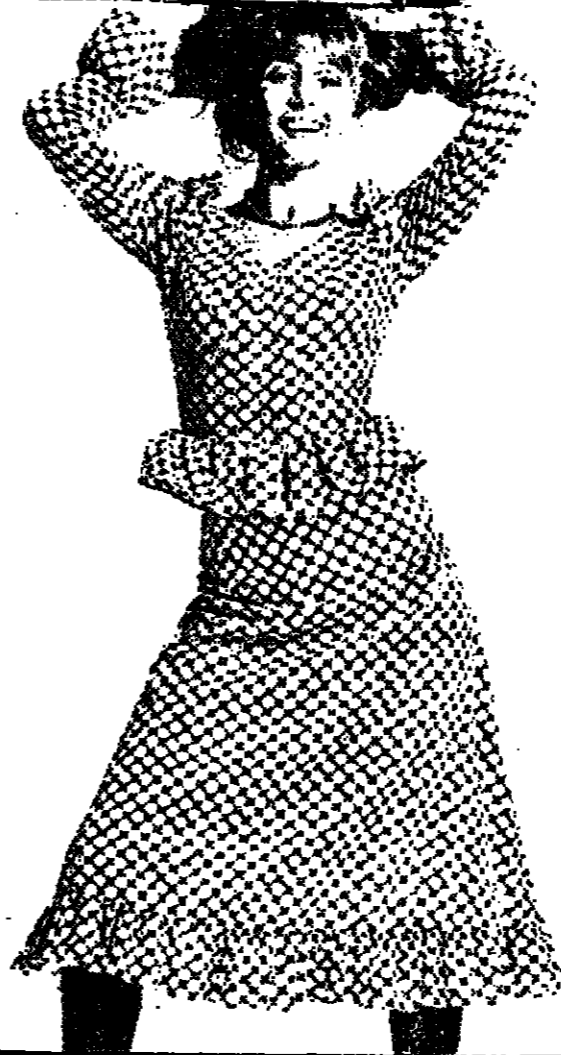
Victoriana is, of course, rampant among the young and not-so-young (indeed Ascot) so look for lots of it on sale. Army and Navy have a generous rail of it, many long spriggy cotton voile dresses lavished with lace, all down (some of them from £10.50) to £3.95.

Tailored clothes, if you can bear to skip summer and get into your autumn wool-thinking now, offer good buys, such as the grey worsted coat dress for larger sizes, down from £20 to £7 at Army and Navy.

At fabric sales many of us who are charmed by off-bart prints are put off by the problem of taking up hems.

Now the answer comes from Ned Ryan of that friendly little shop, Fabric Spot in South Kensington (sale starts next Monday). He has installed two young dressmakers there full-time and they will make you a dress from his fabrics at prices from £5, and within 48 hours!

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TOP above: Cool cotton two-piece with a period air. By Quad, it's down from £10.50 to £3.95 (one of a group) at Army and Navy, whose sale starts July 7.

BOTTOM, above: Perfect town dress—sightseeing and out to dinner—by Louis Féraud for Rembrandt. In pale pink, yellow or pale blue Tervlene/cotton, down from £25 to £12.50 at Selfridges (sale starts tomorrow).

LEFT: Holiday hot pants: choc brown and cream by Marimekko of Finland; top down from £2.25 to £1, pants from £1 to 50p. At Simpsons, whose sale starts on July 3.

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Wool Jersey three-pieces. Half price! Originally £26. Sale price £13.

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Sketch by DUTHY

**FASHION NOTEBOOK**

**A SOFTER, prettier fashion** next month? Barly Louis Féraud, in London on a flying visit, told me he thinks so: last season was "frightful, a terribly difficult transition period in fashion." But the corner, he thinks, has now been turned.

News of Féraud's pretty American wife, Mia (Fonssagrives) who once sold the clothes she designed with Vicky Tiel to Miss Selfridges: she has abandoned fashion for wood sculpture, lives now in a hippy paradise Big Sur, California. Her sculptures are mammoth and brightly-painted: Féraud is trying to fly one over to decorate his show in a decaying mansion in the Avenue Gabriel.

**WATCH out, from July onwards, for the Jean Muir touch** in crisp little wool crepe dresses of sharp raspberry red she has designed specially for Jaeger, with her signature of pin-tucked bodices, but in their price range. Look for the black wool jersey with a languish puffed sleeve, a flattering sinewy no-waistline cut. Look for the high-seamed pinatore dress in soft green-gauge jersey with a flaring skirt.

The long evening dresses are delectable, too—such as the trio in very gossamery printed Italian wool, the best a Turkish-carpet mélange of pink, lilac, yellow, a cellaless button-through for £45.

**KNITWEAR from Jaeger's** normal staple (non-Muir) has picked up beyond belief. There's much more mix-and-match about, like the plain wool jersey trousers in blue grape allied to disco-checked skinny pullover in grape and camel, and over it a long waistcoat of lambswool in the same blue edged with camel.

Young Jaeger for autumn includes blazers very skinny-cut in either plain or jacquard-woven wool jersey, with skirts roaming in vice-versa order. One blazer has sharp, Al Capone-type revers, while a sewer-looking one has deeply curved shawl revers. The best jacquards in these team ink blue or russet with camel.

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BRITAIN, ITALY & MALTA

IT WAS HIGH TIME the British Government and public opinion had an opportunity to show their appreciation of Italy's unflinching support for Britain's entry into the Common Market...

When this visit was planned the chances were that much of it would have to be devoted to overcoming continued obstacles to Britain's entry. Fortunately on this score it only remains for Mr Heath's Italian guests to wish him luck with his diminishing domestic problems on this score.

Mr HEALEY was right when he said yesterday that Mr MINTOFF's talk about neutrality and possibly inviting the Russians was an attempt at blackmail. He was wrong, however, when he went on to say that Malta's facilities were "not terribly important" to Britain or to Nato.

THREAT TO THE QUEEN

PERRAPS the threat to shoot the QUEEN at York today is nothing but an exhibitionist hoax, nothing to do with the Angry Brigade at all. It must not be, and is not being, treated lightly.

Could anything better suit the book of the enemies of society? They already call this country a police State. They desire nothing so much as to turn it into one, thus providing themselves with allies to aid them in its destruction.

Meanwhile the CID is undoubtedly hampered by that whole apparatus of concern for the unconvicted suspect, of which we are rightly proud. Even the most savage tyrannies have not always been able to detect anonymous anglers; a free democracy is, by definition, incomparably worse equipped to do so.

SCHOOLS AND PUPILS

AS MRS THATCHER well knows, educational policy consists largely of a painful choice between conflicting claims on limited resources. She is already, it seems, inescapably committed to one large hunk of public expenditure of at least dubious value—that involved in raising the school leaving age to 16 next year.

If so, it must again be pointed out that parents cannot thus unload their responsibilities on to the schools without the risk of creating total chaos. Captive adolescents, forced to remain in the classroom for an extra year, and lacking the guidance of persuasive and sensible parents, can ruin the education of their fellow pupils and drive teachers to distraction.

In other respects also, Mrs THATCHER must be encouraged to resist the pressures to which her department daily exposes her. She has made an excellent beginning by switching public money from extravagant comprehensive schemes to the provision of better buildings for primary schools.

Dawn of the Heath revolution

RUSSELL LEWIS

welcomes a new survey of the challenge to the British economy

WHILE still a student at the London School of Economics, the late John F. Kennedy wrote a portentous though not particularly good book called "White England Slept," dealing with Munich and the events leading up to it.

John Cockcroft, for his breezily written new book\* has adapted J. F. K.'s title and applied it to the present. England, he believes, is still somnolent while perils mount, perils this time of the economic variety, which, if less scaring than Hitler, are for that very reason all the more insidious.

Fortunately, if rather late in the day, there is now, as in 1940, one powerful voice which cries "Wakeup, wakeup," this time that of Edward Heath. Indeed this book is largely an apologia and a successful one for the Heath new style in government.

Backward look Mr Cockcroft, then, views the period since World War II as one of British economic decline. The British standard of living, which was the fourth highest in the world in 1945, has now sunk to fourth-teenth.

Small wonder that adjustment has been less than complete, especially since the war temporarily crippled our European trading rivals. The leading Continental countries, their economies shattered by war, nevertheless fared up to realities and with one economic miracle after another earned their reward.

"Why England Slept." By John Cockcroft. (Arlington Books, £2.25—published today.)

logic of IRC's last industrial moves could clearly be that, having encouraged the formation of particular groups in industry, it then had to lend out money continuously to other companies in order to channel orders to those groups.

Yet these burdens might all have been borne had the economy been otherwise sound. Unfortunately our dream-like view of the world seems to have clouded the judgment of politicians and our civil servants alike.

Indeed, it is not modernisation or greater efficiency either, nor government is so often bent on doing the wrong thing, but government which tries to do less. Too much government is easy to recognise because it is invariably accompanied by massive propaganda to persuade the people that they are participating.

Consensus policies have meant not only the muffling of criticism but the promotion of policies which, though claiming to represent the popular will, merely increase State power. Such is incomes policy, which is not only demonstrably futile as a method of controlling inflation—for it operates on the symptoms not on the causes—but, in the Aubrey Jones experiment, was conclusively shown in a scholarly study by Lippsey and Parkin to be counter-productive.

Where should such a process stop? As Mr Cockcroft says, "the

logic of IRC's last industrial moves could clearly be that, having encouraged the formation of particular groups in industry, it then had to lend out money continuously to other companies in order to channel orders to those groups.

How then to dispense this clotted collectivism which threatens the nation's economic health? Sack all the corporate agencies, says Mr Cockcroft—all but the N.E.D.C. for which he harbours an eccentric attachment—and denationalise wholesale.

More generally, denationalisation cannot be reduced to a simple auction at any old price (pace Enoch Powell) as this would discredit the policy with the British public. For it would look like junking national assets to private ideological heights.

Big chance Finally, apart from this basically Heath package of internal reforms including administrative decentralisation, the reversal of collectivism, the enthronement of competition and the reform of tax, not to mention the reform of industrial relations, Mr Cockcroft puts his money on joining the Common Market.

Refreshingly, he does not assert as so many have, from Harold Wilson upwards, that the political case is compelling while the economic case is dodgy. Instead he emphasises the value of tariff cuts in extending consumer choice at the expense of home producer monopoly.

So Mr Cockcroft is an optimist but a rational one. Yet he also has an awareness, nowadays unusual among economists, of how unpredictable are the affairs of mice and men. Thus the British people may grasp the opportunity which the Common Market offers, or again they may not.

MARKET ISSUE NEEDS FREE VOICE

It is generally agreed to be an advantage that Members of Parliament should consult their constituents before the decision on entry to the Common Market is taken.

One that a Marketeer who finds that his constituents hold in the main the opposite view has both the right and the duty to cast his vote for entry.

Europe's budget STR—If the figure of £100 million which is said to represent Great Britain's 1% per cent. contribution to the Common Market is accurate, the total budget for the Market must be in the neighbourhood of £1,000 million.

Loosened links From Lord MONSON STR—It is hard to reconcile your grandiloquent and idealistic vision of a future European Economic Community (June 24) with the down-to-earth French concept as exemplified in Mr Walter Farr's report on the Luxembourg negotiations in your previous day's edition.

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all about? (My italics). It means you give preference to products grown in France and the of Common Market countries, and as soon as possible... phase arrangements for buying New Zealand produce."

Trade benefits SIR—If we were already in the Common Market, the firm for which I work could: 1. Increase its exports (and production) by 50 per cent. 2. Increase the number of its employees by approximately 40 per cent. and thus reduce unemployment.

Given away SIR—The heading in your paper "satisfied" (June 24) is extremely misleading, for in reality, as everyone knows, New Zealand had no choice.

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Mrs Castle may pilot the way

UNUSUAL interest is attached to today's census motion by Labour on prices and unemployment. It may contain, some Ministers believe, important clues on Labour's future lines on their European dilemma.

Surprise harvest WHEN friends of Lyndon Johnson revealed last week that the former President was the "ghostly hand" of the late Robert Kennedy behind the top secret Pentagon study on Vietnam, it revived Washingtonians of an earlier story of the ill will which existed between the two men.

Grande geste IN Brussels another debate has been started by last week's symbolic gesture to the eighth annual conference of Europe Nostra—clearing the Grande Place, one of Europe's great squares, of all motor vehicles.

LONDON DAY BY DAY

ference opened in the Hotel de Ville, situated in Grande Place, the Belgians were able to point to an empty square. Mr Sandys was loudly applauded.

6,000-mile count-down A TRANSATLANTIC radiotelephone link has been booked for 6.29 p.m. on July 1—10.29 a.m. in British Columbia—between Victoria and the grid at Abingdon, Bucks. It is for Mr Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, to talk to Charles Ritchie, the High Commissioner.

Secret study FOR three months the sculptress Sally Ann has been working secretly on the 11th silver leopard a detail of which illustrates.

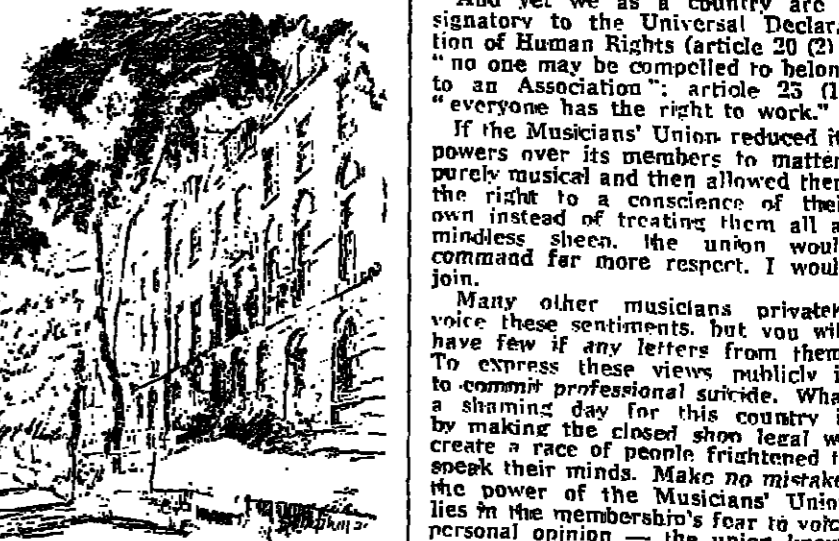
To be given to the Queen today to mark the city's 1900th birthday. Modelled from life in the Flemings Park Zoo at Milton, it symbolises the city which was founded by the Romans.

Where we lead MISS ALICE STEPHEN, one of the three authors of the Department of Education's report on physically handicapped children published today, is to retire on Wednesday.

32-year-old menu THE American Museum at Claverton Manor, Bath, which was founded by two Americans, Dr Dallas Pratt and his brother John Judson, to increase Britons' knowledge of the United States will celebrate its 30th anniversary on Thursday.

Sharper interest MORE than a purely publisher's interest lay behind the production of one of David and Charles' latest reprints, the 1838 "Murray's Handbook for Devon and Cornwall."

Cheaper to restore I AM pleased to report that the Greater London Council has decided to restore, rather than demolish, an attractive terrace of nine five-storey, early 18th-century houses in Liverpool Street, Islington. This is Barnsbury Terrace.



Saved in Islington. It will cost less to do this than to put up new buildings. A new building would have cost £5,940 dwelling, compared with £4,562 to restore.

Original architectural features are to be retained wherever possible.

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**TUBE WARNING ON HIGHER FARE FOR LONGER ROUTE**

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

UNDERGROUND passengers who do not take the shortest route to their destination are cheating on their fares and may be stopped and asked to pay more, London Transport said yesterday. A claim that the longer route is faster will be discounted.

A spokesman for the London Transport Board said that passengers are obliged to travel by the shortest route in miles, even though this is not stated on the ticket.

The board admitted that the standard diagrammatic map of the Underground may have misled some travellers because distances shown on it are not drawn to scale.

The rule was enforced last week when an inspector stopped passengers travelling from Marble Arch to Sudbury Hill who were attempting to change trains at Ealing.

Prescribed route

London Transport said yesterday that the incident would not have happened if the passengers had been travelling on the prescribed route, changing at Earl's Court.

One of the passengers said: "I have travelled to and from work this way every day. There are no notices and no barrier to stop passengers changing trains at Ealing Broadway."

But London Transport said: "Our fares are worked on a mileage basis and passengers who travel the long way round are, in fact, adding to their mileage considerably."

"We would expect our inspectors to handle these cases in a reasonable manner as many passengers may not realise what they are doing."

It is reported in *The Sunday Telegraph* yesterday that it was strongly implied that the Opposition leader would have an entire 45-minute edition of the radio programme "Analysis" put at his disposal under same terms given to Mr Heath on June 18.

Also this week, "Analysis" features Edward Heath talking to Ian McIntyre about his year in office and the major issues facing Britain. Next month it would be the turn of Harold Wilson to be interviewed," said the offending paragraph.

Year in office

A BBC spokesman said yesterday that the paragraph was a mistake. "There has never been any suggestion that Mr Wilson should be interviewed in 'Analysis'."

The confusion apparently arose because early in June, Mr Wilson was sent an invitation to appear in Radio 4's "The World Tonight" to discuss his memoirs when they are published on July 26.

Mr Wilson is at present considering several invitations to talk on television and radio about his memoirs from Australia, Canada and other foreign networks as well as the BBC. He expects to accept about one in 10 of these.

Mr Wilson's feeling that the Current Affairs Group of the BBC Television has a particular dislike of him does not extend to BBC Radio, and it is not expected that there will be any difficulty about his appearance on "The World Tonight."

Much more doubtful is the 45-minute interview about the memoirs planned by BBC-1 Television.

Margaret Douglas, the producer appointed for this interview with Robert MacKenzie, attempted to have preliminary talks with Mr Wilson at his home last week, but failed to make any progress.

There is little doubt that if Mr Wilson was offered a 45-minute peak-time slot on Independent Television to talk about his book he would jump at the chance.



**SPRINGBOK PROTEST 'MISLEADS'**

By J. D. HOLDSWORTH in Sydney

AUSTRALIA'S Prime Minister, Mr McMahon, accused some elements in the trade union movement last night of using apartheid to mislead the public.

The real motive of anti-apartheid union moves was to impose their own views on the Government and people by force and intimidation, he claimed.

Freedom of choice

He gave three principles 'of the greatest importance' which he said, should be observed. They were:

- 1—The Australian people must have freedom of choice within the law at all times. No one had the right to deny that freedom.
- 2—No organisation should be permitted to intimidate the lawful Government of the country. The Government rejected attempts by elements in trade unions to achieve their objectives by force and intimidation.
- 3—Politics and sport should not be tied together and sporting organisations should not be under duress from any source for political motives. Trade union leaders had no right to interrupt sporting arrangements.

"I believe Australians value the principles I have stated and I also believe they will jealously guard their world-wide reputation as sportsmen."

"I hope the Springbok tour will continue to be treated not as a tremendous sporting event which interests a tremendous number of people."

FUNDS SOUGHT

Peter Hain lawsuit

OUR JOHANNESBURG CORRESPONDENT cables: Subscribers to the magazine are being circulated among civil servants in Pretoria to raise money to help a British lawyer, Mr Francis Bennion, to sue the anti-apartheid movement leader, Mr Peter Hain.

Mr Bennion is said to be planning to arrive in South Africa this week to gather evidence to claim for damages suffered by Springbok rugby players attacked by demonstrators in Britain in 1969.

Prospects for a Springbok cricket tour of Australia in October are more optimistic, Mr Willie Isaacs, a prominent South African cricket benefactor, said yesterday: "I feel now the tour will go through."

The Springboks prepared yesterday to fly to Adelaide in a fleet of four small private planes.

FRENCH KEPT QUIET ON AIR CRASH BULLETS

By Our Paris Staff

Bullets found among the wreckage of an aircraft which crashed into the Mediterranean three years ago killing 95 people may have belonged to an armed policeman who was travelling with the plane. The French authorities have known this for months, but have kept it secret. It was revealed yesterday.

The aircraft, a Caravelle flying from Ajaccio to Nice, crashed in September, 1968. Because of speculation that it was accidentally shot down by a French army missile the wreckage was recovered.

Tests carried out so far indicate that the bullets may have been discharged by heat after the plane caught fire.

**17 LIKELY MOTOR CYCLE AGE**

By Our Motoring Staff

THE minimum age for holding a motor-cycle licence is likely to be raised from 16 to 17 in road safety measures Mr Walker, Secretary for the Environment, is to put to Parliament before the summer recess in August.

This is despite approaches from the motor-cycle industry to Mr Peyton, Minister for Transport Industries, to reduce the age for a moped licence to 14. As reported in *The Sunday Telegraph* yesterday, Government opinion has hardened against such a move.

A recent Government report, "Road Accidents 1969," indicated that the trend towards younger drivers was leading to higher casualty rates.

In 1969, people under 25 accounted for 21 per cent of fatal and serious casualties among car drivers. By 1969 the figure had risen to 55 per cent.

The percentage for motor-cycle and scooter riders rose from 28 to 55 in the same 10 years. The report's forecast that this trend was likely to be more marked during the 1970s has obviously influenced the Government.

Some road safety experts would like to see a clearer definition of the motor cycle licensing category so that youngsters who pass a test on a low-powered machine are not entitled to ride motor-cycles capable of over 100 m.p.h.

The age for a Group 12 moped licence for machines with an engine of under 50 cc. is likely to stay at 15. Although Mr Peyton is not prepared to reduce it, he feels moped should not involve the same potential danger as motor-cycles.

Other proposals are likely to give local authorities greater responsibility for road safety in their own areas with more freedom to decide on measures like pedestrian crossings and road improvements.

**TV LICENCE LOOPHOLE SAVES 50p**

Daily Telegraph Reporter

MR PATRICK PARIS, a draughtsman, has saved 50p on his television licence by renewing it a month in advance so as to avoid the increased charges which come into force next Thursday.

Mr Paris's old black and white licence expires on Wednesday. On Thursday, July 1, the fee goes up from £6 to £7 so he sacrificed a month's validity for the £50 he would have lost if he had renewed at the old price giving him a net saving of 50p.

Persistence needed

The spy was only achieved by persistence. At first, counter-staff told him he should renew his licence only when it expired. He contacted the head office of Wireless and TV Records Department and eventually got what he wanted.

Mr Paris, 31, of Lindley Road, Coventry, said last night: "I hope that thousands of people go to the Post Office up to closing time on Wednesday and do the same as me."

"There is a principle here. Think of all the old people who could save 50p like me, and with colour licences it could be £1 saved."

By COLIN DRYDEN, Motoring Staff

A WHOLE new set of car safety standards is to be urged on Mr Peyton, Minister for Transport Industries, by the Consumers' Association, publishers of *Motoring Weekly*. Manufacturers should be encouraged to match cars and tyres more closely, it says.

Tests showed that handling could often be improved greatly by fitting tyres other than those supplied with the car.

In addition to seeking a meeting with Mr Peyton, the association is to lobby MPs, car manufacturers and the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders in a three-pronged attack on the road safety toll.

Mrs Jennifer Jenkins, chairman of the Consumers' Association council, will give the Minister the association's views, based on 10 years of car testing and research.

The association says that serious consideration should be given to regulations requiring safety belts to be worn as opposed to just fitted. This alone, it says, could prevent up to 15,000 casualties a year.

Car doors should be strengthened, as about 25 per cent of all accidents involving something crashing through the side of a car.

All new cars should have windcreens of laminated glass. It had been shown to cause less serious injuries than the toughened glass commonly used in British cars.

Anti-lock braking devices should also be made compulsory on new cars. Brake pedals should be at the same level as the accelerator, to save time when the driver had to lift his foot on to the brake.

Standards should be laid down for visibility, and for the strength of seat mountings. A Department of the Environment spokesman said yesterday that research was being carried out into many of the points raised. New regulations had recently been issued about fitting seat belts that were easier to operate.

CZECH WAITERS USED AS SPIES

By Our Bonn Correspondent

Czechoslovakia is using waiters, chambermaids and other staff recruited by West German hotels as spies, according to the West German counter-espionage agency.

The Czech spies install secret microphones in hotel rooms, try to lure guests into embarrassing situations so that compromising photographs may be taken and photo-only personal documents. Twenty-one Czech spies were identified last year.

**I am not a spy, says Jana Prager**

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

MRS JANA PRAGER last night denied a Sunday newspaper report that she was a spy. She said in Vienna: "I am not a spy. I believe my husband is"

Nichlas Prager, wife of the former R.A.F. sergeant jailed for 12 years at Leeds Assizes last week for spying, was interviewed by Michael Sullivan for *BBC-1 News*.

She admitted she wrote "certain things" for the *People* newspaper because she wanted them published and thought her husband's sentence might be reduced.

Open to suspicion

Asked if she felt bitter about being the victim of accusation, Mrs Prager said: "Maybe it was my own fault because we were going freely behind the Iron Curtain. Perhaps we opened ourselves to suspicion."

"Police are closely studying the alleged confession in the *People* by Mrs Prager that it was she who spied for Czechoslovakia and not her husband."

Mr Harold Soreff, Conservative M.P. for Ormskirk, yesterday wrote to Sir Peter Rawlinson Attorney-General, asking him what action he proposed to take against Mrs Prager in view of her alleged confession.

Mrs Prager stayed in Vienna during her husband's trial. She is reported to have said there that she had a secret R.A.F. documents that her husband brought home, passing them to two Czech agents. She was not paid, but was given a free skiing holiday, and other holidays for her children.

During the trial Prager said he suspected his wife of being a spy.

Mr R. J. Edwards, editor of the *People*, said last night: "We published exactly and precisely what she said. What is more it was read back to her."

"There was no financial inducement for her to say this at all."

But during the course of long conversations with an experienced journalist, Mr William Dorran, the woman admitted that she was a spy, Mr Edwards said.

POLICE STUDY

Effect on appeal

OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT writes: If the police considered they had an adequate case in the light of subsequent evidence, they could seek to charge Mrs Prager with offences similar to those of which her husband was found guilty.

If she remained in Austria, they would have to consider applying for her extradition. But political offences are usually not extraditable. Any confession or subsequent charges might assist her husband's appeal.

**Channel Airways attacks 'sit-in' holidaymakers**

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

CHANNEL AIRWAYS yesterday blamed some of the 96 holidaymakers who staged a "sit-in" aboard an airliner at Stansted airport on Saturday for "sheer obstruction."

A spokesman said the passengers themselves were responsible for a "nasty four-hour wait in a hot, sweaty and eventually foetid plane."

The holidaymakers stayed aboard their Comet jet until they were sure a replacement was available to take them to Manchester.

The Comet, returning from Bulgaria, had been diverted from Manchester to Stansted in an effort to cut delays faced by other tourists.

Channel Airways said that if some of the passengers had accepted an offer of road transport, everyone would have got home sooner. "All that the passengers succeeded in doing was grossly inconveniencing another 250 passengers who were on the Continent and should have been brought back."

The "sit-in" passengers had been on their way home from Varna, Bulgaria, but with delays caused by a long-standing go-slow by truckers, their Comet was wanted to pick up people in Geron, Spain.

Seven hours late

The Channel Airways spokesman said a request had been made for 20 volunteers whose homes were in the Midlands to complete their journey from Stansted by road so the remainder could transfer to a 36-seat B.A.C. 1-11. "We laid on two coaches and the 20 were virtually deserted by their doors after having a meal on the way."

Manchester airport has suffered badly from the French go-slow. Every weekend this month, flights to and from Spain have been delayed and several thousand passengers have started or finished their holidays up to seven hours late.

Three hundred tourists were delayed at Manchester yesterday, and airline officials again blamed "congestion over the Continent."

Holiday charter flights are more vulnerable than regular services to technical or operational "hitches". Regular services can if necessary be cancelled, but inclusive holiday charters, linked with hotel bookings and road transport, are far less flexible.

Mr Harry Chandler, chairman of the Tour Operators' Study Group, representing 21 British tour companies, said yesterday: "All airlines, scheduled or charter, commit their facilities fully from April to October. They plan for all aircraft to be fully loaded."

He said that the delays, which were inevitable because of the French go-slow, became worse at weekends when there was no "leeway."

Airlines co-operate

But all regulations laid down by the Department of Trade were observed, even if this meant adding to delays. "This is a matter of safety, which must come first," said Mr Chandler.

A spokesman for Caledonian B.U. said it operates holiday tours from Gatwick, said companies could not afford to have

aircraft, possibly costing £2 million, standing idle. "But we try to balance our programme so that we do have some slack if necessary."

At an airport like Luton, used by 20 per cent of the British tour trade, airlines are ready to co-operate with one another. Recently, one firm failed to notify 36 holidaymakers that a flight had been changed. Many were placed in empty seats in other planes flying to Majorca.

A Lunn-Poly representative at Luton said yesterday: "Generally, the holidaymakers are looked after very well. In fog and bad weather, we have fed hundreds of people and put them up in hotels. It costs a small fortune."

COMPENSATION

URGED FOR SPOILT HOLIDAY

Travel agents or tour operators should pay compensation if they cancel a holiday and offer an alternative on a different date, says Mr Milne, Labour M.P. for Blyth.

He is to ask the Secretary for Trade and Industry in the Commons whether if he will introduce legislation to prevent holiday-makers suffering loss after they had paid either the deposit or the full charge.

A spokesman for the Association of British Travel Agents said yesterday that it was up to the public to read the contracts they signed. These indicated what the tour operator could do.

COUNCIL PLANS

COLLEGE COURSE FOR ROADMEN

College training is to be provided for promising young men by Hertfordshire County Council which is facing a serious shortage of skilled road workers. The young men will have opportunities for rapid promotion as foremen and superintendents.

An intensified training scheme is to start at the end of the summer. It will be intended principally for school-leavers, who will be offered the prospect of adult earnings at 18, but suitable men will also be chosen from the present labour force.

The council broke new ground five years ago, introducing a training scheme at St. Alban's College of Building, enabling trainees to get a City and Guilds road work certificate. So far 26 men have obtained certificates and one has passed the Institute of Works and Highway Superintendents' final examination.

The extent of the problem facing the council may be gauged from the fact that, as well as being below strength, the present labour force will lose about one-third of its men through retirement in the next five years.

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**ITALIAN STRIKE**

Italy's 100,000 hotel workers yesterday declared a three-day national strike starting next Thursday—only two days after ending a five-day walkout during which tourists had to get their own meals and make their own beds.

**STUDENT'S SUICIDE**

Tadashi Tsukamoto, a student, stripped naked, smashed his way into a case containing ceremonial swords in the Ichiyama Art Museum, Japan, at the weekend and then slashed himself to death with a horrified crowd looked on.—A1.

**Car safety standards urged on Peyton**

By COLIN DRYDEN, Motoring Staff

A WHOLE new set of car safety standards is to be urged on Mr Peyton, Minister for Transport Industries, by the Consumers' Association, publishers of *Motoring Weekly*. Manufacturers should be encouraged to match cars and tyres more closely, it says.

Tests showed that handling could often be improved greatly by fitting tyres other than those supplied with the car.

In addition to seeking a meeting with Mr Peyton, the association is to lobby MPs, car manufacturers and the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders in a three-pronged attack on the road safety toll.

Mrs Jennifer Jenkins, chairman of the Consumers' Association council, will give the Minister the association's views, based on 10 years of car testing and research.

The association says that serious consideration should be given to regulations requiring safety belts to be worn as opposed to just fitted. This alone, it says, could prevent up to 15,000 casualties a year.

Car doors should be strengthened, as about 25 per cent of all accidents involving something crashing through the side of a car.

All new cars should have windcreens of laminated glass. It had been shown to cause less serious injuries than the toughened glass commonly used in British cars.

Anti-lock braking devices should also be made compulsory on new cars. Brake pedals should be at the same level as the accelerator, to save time when the driver had to lift his foot on to the brake.

Standards should be laid down for visibility, and for the strength of seat mountings. A Department of the Environment spokesman said yesterday that research was being carried out into many of the points raised. New regulations had recently been issued about fitting seat belts that were easier to operate.

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THE MERCURY COLUMN

**WITH** Chancellor Barber hinting at easier hire-purchase and possible purchase tax cuts it could well be time to have another look at Burco Dean. Since the shares were mentioned here in January at 65p they have come up to the 74p mark and last week there was a good set of first-half profits to back this rise.

Profits for the period—ended in March—showed a 27 p.c. increase, which is encouraging indeed since it follows on a 38 p.c. recovery in the full year 1969-70.

But given an easier market "climate" for consumer durables makers it is the medium-term prospects of Burco Dean which appeal to me. The group is wide ranging in the domestic appliance field, with its washing machines, driers, boilers, central heating systems, and kitchen units—just the type of thing on which people spend money when they can get it at a reasonable price.

Currently the shares yield 5-6 and are on an historic price/earnings ratio of 9.9—levels which are attractive enough in themselves and suggest there could be something more to go for here.

**THOUGH** the share price of Selincourt has come up recently from 74p to around 11p, some astute investors are saying that even at this level this is still simply taking an option on chairman Mr Ronald Palfreyman. It could be a very cheap one indeed.

By speedy use of the knife on the loss makers, disposing of the retaining side and closing several of the 11 net and licence production units he already had a most beneficial effect on profits. In 1970-71 they were pulled up from a nadir of £352,000 to £670,000 and the dividend was restored at 15 p.c.

Mr Palfreyman, however, has always held that it would be 1971-72 that would see "really satisfactory" results. In his annual report last month he spelt out that current returns suggested the year would bring "complete restoration to the levels of the late 1960s." He repeated this only last week.

Taking the period from 1966 to 1969 as the late 'sixties and averaging the pre-tax profits for it, this would mean profits of around £18,000. But Mr Palfreyman topped his forecast last time and in the last year of this three-year period Selincourt made £1,024,000, so my figure could be a conservative one even allowing for the swings in the fashion trade.

**FEW** companies have such impressive dividend records as Mr Harold Poster's AVP Industries, which has lifted its payments to shareholders every year for the past six. Yet simply because it is a mixed industrial holding company it has never been a market favourite—hence the fact that even at the current year's "high of 112p the price/earnings ratio is still only 9."

But in recent years AVP's spread of interests—from engineering to hotels—has produced impressive profits growth. They were up for instance in 1969-70 by 20.7 p.c. and running 13.1 p.c. ahead again at the half-way stage this time.

Last time holders got a one-for-15 scrip as well as a rise, and Mr Poster has already announced a maintained dividend on this increased capital without reducing earnings cover. Since there was a healthy 2-4 times cover for the 1969-70 payment there could well be scope for Mr Poster to do better than holders expect when he announces the final figures next month.

**GOOD** news still continues to flow from the building trade. One beneficiary of this increased activity again this time should be Rodalls Group, which has been a contributor to this industry and also the engineering and electrical industries.

In 1970 it really recovered from its 1969 setback in style, trebling its pre-tax profits on a 31 p.c. sales rise. This reflected both improved margins and the start of the pay-off from an internal reorganisation. There are more fruits of this to come. Meanwhile, at 5 p.c. and yielding 6.4 p.c. and at a price-earnings ratio of 8.2, the shares look a good lock-up.

**ONE** of the factors behind the recent strength of the Donald Macpherson Group's share price is that some observers have noted the recovery potential of this paint-maker, whose profits and dividend crumbled in 1969-70 under the impact of low margins.

In that year pre-tax profits slumped from £700,500 to £181,000 and the dividend was slashed from 18 p.c. to 4 p.c. Of these profits the first half contributed a bare £22,000, so there was a measure of recovery in the second.

Since then prices have been stepped up and this allied to higher sales has meant that the group's first quarter this year includes the poorest selling months—has been a better one than the corresponding opener. Today's first half figures will show how far the recovery has gone but at their current 27p the shares do not appear to be discounting much.

**NEITHER** does this price seem to allow for further rationalisation in this industry. After all, Macpherson, which was making profits of £951,000 back in 1966-67 and whose shares touched 150p in both 1968 and 1969, is one of the few medium sized independent paint-makers left in Britain and assets are at the balance sheet at 55p a share.

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## VAT register irks chambers of commerce

By JOHN PETTY

**A FIGHT** to stop a voluminous new register of taxable people being drawn up under Government plans to introduce a value added tax has been launched by the Association of British Chambers of Commerce. Registration is not required for corporation tax or income tax, the association points out today in disclosing details of representations it has made to the Board of Customs and Excise, which will maintain the VAT register.

Severe penalties for tax evasion have made it unnecessary for people to have to register for these taxes. Registration procedures used for purchase tax will be irrelevant to VAT because it will be so universal and have so many built-in checks.

There is considerable regret among businessmen that "the Government is evidently so committed to the operation of VAT on the 'invoice basis' that the advocacy of the 'accounts basis' is pointless." This means the Government has planned for a method that will be more complicated for the taxpayer and call for large staff increases to administer the tax.

But the other system would have meant a single rate of tax and virtually no exemptions. "It was recognised that these con-

ditions have been easier unobtainable by political commitments," the association concedes.

The advice to Customs and Excise from the chambers is that there should be no more than two rates of tax, plus a zero rate rather than exemption. The zero rate for exports should be extended to services for an overseas customer, which could be classed as invisible exports.

One suggestion is that Customs and Excise should make every effort to use a company's own records and accounting systems in connection with VAT. There should also be great flexibility in Customs' approach "so that whether a particular item should be in one period of another should be dealt with on a swings and roundabouts basis."

The need to give credit for stocks on which purchase tax has already been paid when VAT starts is emphasised. Otherwise there would be double taxation.

The association also urges that the difference between rates of purchase tax and those of VAT should be tapered off in the new system, which is introduced in 1975. This would avoid "distortions of demand" as VAT day approached.

Mr Bruce Sutherland, chairman of the association's taxation committee, has been leading the talks with Customs and Excise.



SIR JOHN HUNTER—chairman of Swan Hunter. See City Editor

## Trade hazards in floating exchange rates

**THE MOST RECENT** international monetary turmoil has given fresh heart to the proponents of floating rates of exchange, declares Barclays Bank D C O in the current issue of the Overseas Review.

The bank warns that the most disquieting feature of the case presented by the advocates of greater flexibility is its complete disregard of the interests of individual traders. Creating new uncertainty may be part of the game to unsettle speculators, but it can play havoc with normal trading in goods and services as well.

Wide fluctuations of exchange rates, it is pointed out, would be almost equivalent in practice to constantly changing tariffs. A marked fall in the value of the United States dollar on the foreign exchange market would have the same discouraging effect on British exports to the United States as would a rise in American import duties. A rise in the dollar's value would similarly be to the disadvantage of American exporters.

The possible range of movement is double the margin from parity being applied, and the wider it is the heavier the burden of exchange risks piled on the shoulders of exporters and importers, the bank stresses.

No one has yet offered a working solution to this problem which does not add considerably to the exporter's costs. The expense of forward cover would be significantly higher; and as for invoicing in the exporter's own currency, this simply passes the exchange risk on to the importer without in any way reducing the sum total of uncertainties.

The bank concludes that no exchange rate system can endure without major disruption if the leading participants are bent on divergent domestic policies, and it is unrealistic to believe that meddling with innovations which actually create greater instability can be an easier and lasting alternative.

## Cold water on N. Sea oil profits

By RICHARD WALKER

**NORTH SEA OIL** should yield net profits of about a dollar a barrel, suggests a new broker's review that bravely attempts to calculate those who are in the hunt with the best chance—and what success would do to their share prices.

Current overall size estimates for the North Sea vary from one million to three million barrels a day. With over 40 p.c. of the prospective oil areas still open to licence and over 30 major structures plotted but not yet tested, some optimists have talked of another Middle East, note brokers Rowe and Pitman. But not them.

While the major Phillips Ekofisk field is "a giant," it is no larger than 147 others in the world, and "discoveries so far have been associated with salt domes which tend to be rather limited in size."

The review warns optimists about the "formidable" costs involved and the pioneering state of much of the technology needed to get the oil out. Pipeline laying could cost £250,000 a mile; drilling platforms that now cost about £5 million could work out at £10 million—even £20 million when redesigned and strengthened for the conditions. Even if enough oil were found to warrant a big joint pipeline (feasible, according to Sir David Barran of Shell) it would still take three to five years to complete.

Admitting to "so many variables as would confound the analyst," brokers have worked out an "exposure factor" based on the extent and geological promise of the North Sea interests of companies involved.

Both Shell and BP make the selection. Shell because, as net buyer of crude oil, any North Sea production would be offset against purchased oil rather than its own production elsewhere. BP because of its "excellent acreage" in some of the most promising parts, and with its "sizeable accumulation of past trading losses" in Britain probably offsettable against North Sea profits.

**Cubitts wins £15m G.L.C. contract**

CUBITT'S has disclosed that it is to get another £15 million contract from the Greater London Council for housing at Thamesmead, making a total of £40 million in work given to them on the site without having to go to public tender.

Last week the Government announced it would allow another 1,400 homes to be built there despite marshy and difficult ground which has caused delays and soaring costs. The Government will waive some of its normal stringent financial restrictions and make a bigger contribution than usual to costs.

## IOS rebels take court action against Vesco

By ROBERT HUTCHISON in Geneva

**MR ROBERT VESCO**, chairman of Investors Overseas Services, may find he has 2-6 million fewer votes than anticipated when the proxies are finally counted at IOS shareholders' annual general meeting in Toronto on Wednesday. The dissenting shareholder group waging the proxy battle against Mr Vesco has filed a complaint in the Toronto courts seeking to neutralise 2-6 million IOS Preference shares held by an affiliated company, IOS Stock Option Plan Limited, registered in the Bahamas.

A hearing is scheduled in Toronto today to enjoin Mr Vesco, IOS Limited, and Mr Kenneth Beagrand, the company secretary, from voting these Stock Option Plan shares at Wednesday's meeting.

Under Canadian law, Treasury stock must not be voted by management. It is a matter of legal interpretation, however, whether the stock held by the Bahamian affiliate is actually considered Treasury stock. The dissenters say it is, but Mr Vesco apparently disagrees. So it will be up to the court to decide.

The 2-6 million shares may just be the deciding margin in the proxy fight. The leader of the dissenting group, Mr Morton Schowitz, is reported to have proxies in hand covering 17 million preference shares when he left Geneva at the weekend.

**IOS's** management has said it controls 18 million Preference shares, including those held under the corporate stock option plan. There are 40 million preference shares outstanding.

As a class they elect a majority of the 27-man board of directors.

The meeting in Toronto is expected to be one of the hottest of the season—and possibly the longest. The dissenters have evolved a tricky floor strategy to tie up management. This will be co-ordinated by lawyers from New York and Toronto. In fact there may be more lawyers than shareholders in the Royal York Hotel's Ontario Room when the meeting opens.

The dissenters expect Mr Vesco to call for an adjournment if the situation becomes too desperate, which would entail a vote that could drag on for hours. As the following day is a national holiday in Canada it is entirely possible that the meeting could span three days before the issue is decided.

Another possibility is that Mr Vesco will reach an eleventh-hour settlement with the dissenters. Mr Schowitz has commented: "Robert Vesco is the company's largest shareholder. No matter what happens he must be treated with consideration and respect."

Mr Schowitz, 37, was IOS's chief financial officer until 1968, when he left the company after a policy split with Bernard Cornfeld, the founder. He remained a major shareholder and later became a member of the IOS task force that attempted to sort out the company's entanglement with Commonwealth United, a Beverly Hills mini-conglomerate.

## Radcut looks to consumer upturn

**THE PERFORMANCE** of Radcut International, the world's leading producer of rug wool kits, will depend "firstly, on the amount of consumer spending, and secondly, on its ability to maintain its competitive position." So says chairman Mr Frank Newhouse in his annual statement to shareholders.

Consumer demand should increase steadily, says Mr Newhouse, while private housing is showing signs of an upturn which will benefit a number of subsidiaries.

## Hawtin plans separate group

**THE HAWTIN** reconstruction operation has been "largely implemented," says the chairman, Mr Frank Hawtin, in the group's annual report. Now a holding company principally in banking and finance with ancillary interests in property and industry, the policy will be to combine the banking, property and construction interests into the Rawlings Brothers subsidiary as a separately quoted company with Mr Arthur Haydock. A dividend of not less than the proposed 2½ p.c. is promised for this year.

## Paper and board output down 11 p.c

**DURING** the first four months of this year output from Britain's paper and board mills was 11 p.c. down on the corresponding period last year, but there are indications of some movement in an upward direction. Imports of paper and board were lower by 51,800 tonnes and overall consumption was down by 211,700 tonnes or 9 p.c. over cover within 1,477,200 metric tonnes compared with 1,689,900 tonnes a year ago.

## Grim warning for U.S. exporters

**By ALAN OSBORN** in Washington

million—about 1.5 p.c. of G.N.P. In Germany 2.7 p.c. of the G.N.P. was spent on research and development and in Japan 2.2 p.c.

The Commerce Secretary said that "unless we can increase our investments, and especially our research and development, I do not see how we can maintain our present competitive situation much less regain lost ground."

He should weigh the effectiveness of an appropriate investment credit, accelerated depreciation allowances and research and development incentives," he declared.

The need to restore some vigour to America's flagging world trade position has been increasingly recognised by senior Nixon Administration officials recently, and especially by the Treasury Secretary, John Connally. Mr Stans' speech was as forthright as any that have yet been made and generally more specific in its analysis of causes and prescriptions for the future.

**THE** startling possibility that the United States might run a trade deficit this year—the first in 75 years—has been raised by the Commerce Secretary, Mr Maurice Stans. In an unusually trenchant and even alarmist submission to the joint economic committee of Congress Mr Stans warned that America "has been losing and is continuing to lose its competitive edge in world markets."

One remedy, Mr Stans indicated, might be to permit United States companies operating abroad to engage in joint marketing efforts—something which has long been deprecated by the anti-trust authorities in the United States.

In his account of the slump in America's trade position Mr Stans noted that in 1970, for the first time in modern history, the United States lost its position as the world's largest exporter. The laurels went to West Germany.

There were two main reasons for the deterioration, Mr Stans

said. The first was that the United States had been progressively losing its advantages in terms of price, productivity and technology. The second was that other countries were trying much harder than America to make export sales and providing perks and concessions for exporters unknown in the United States.

The United States, he said, had traditionally relied on a heavy volume of foreign sales of high technology goods for its trade surplus. But the favourable balance on high technology manufactured items had levelled off at around \$9,000 million in recent years while imports continued to grow and the balance on trade involving manufactured goods that were not high technology steadily worsened.

"It is not difficult, however, to find out why we are losing our technological advantage," Mr Stans said. "It has been calculated that private research and development in 1968 in the United States was only \$15,000

# London warming to EEC prospects

BY THE CITY EDITOR

**BRITISH ENTRY** into the Common Market is not of itself going to make the London Stock Exchange into the prime market for securities trading in Europe. But a lot of people are hoping that it may in due course cream off a sizeable proportion of European business.

The tangible advantage of joining the EEC is the principle of free capital movement enshrined in the Treaty of Rome, which could kill the dollar premium within the next few years. But there are also several intangibles deriving from the psychological impact of joining Europe which may in the end prove just as material.

A leading London broker tells me that the number of inquiries from institutions about European stocks during the last month has been "quite astonishing." Joining the Market would be "of tremendous benefit," he comments. "We are very optimistic," says another broker.

Why are they so hopeful? In the first place, London dwarfs the other stock exchanges of Europe. Roughly comparable turnover figures are \$91,000 million for London, \$8,500 million for Zurich, \$6,500 million for Paris, \$5,500 million for Amsterdam, \$2,500 million for Frankfurt, and \$590 million for Brussels and Luxembourg. This reflects both the massive United Kingdom institutional buying power, which has no counterpart on the Continent, and the freedom of the London market.

In a number of European countries life assurance companies are still not allowed to invest in equities, while the unit trust industry is in its infancy compared with its British opposite number. The existence in Britain of these large institutions has undoubtedly served to create a more sophisticated market, assisted by United Kingdom rules on disclosure, and to improve marketability.

The other important factor in the freedom to deal is London's unique jobbing system. In Germany, where the banks are both brokers and to a large extent shareholders, there is no question of getting a "market" price. The bank knows you are a buyer, or seller, and acts accordingly. This makes for extremely narrow and volatile markets.

There is also no "account" or term market except in the shares of the biggest companies, and there are far fewer stocks to choose from. It is no use trying to find a nice little second mortgage company—the tax laws don't encourage family businesses to go public in the same way as in Britain—and the only publicly-quoted stock with an interest in second mortgage business is likely to be one of the banks themselves.

The advantages of dealing in London will not, of course, lead to a flood of Continental money overnight. Restrictions on private investment remain in many European countries, including West Germany and Italy. The jobber's turn is a myth, as any jobber will tell you; it is viewed with suspicion by Continental investors; and as far as investment in British companies is concerned the United Kingdom withholding tax creates problems for shareholders who are used to receiving their dividends gross.

What is likely to happen is that British institutions will make their weight felt more heavily in Continental markets, with a beneficial effect on dealings in the more attractive Continental shares. There was no market in Petrofina, the Belgian oil company, until everyone started buying it for its North Sea interests about a year ago. Then, miraculously, shares became available.

All being well a sizeable part of this extra turnover will come through London, which has the capacity to deal with it.

## Swan Hunter looks to the horizon

**THE FLOW** of enquiries for new ships at the Swan Hunter Group has shown a marked decline in recent months, reports chairman Sir John Hunter in his annual statement. But in the longer term all forecasts show a continuing and expanding demand for tonnage which should ensure a prosperous future.

How long is long-term is what shareholders want to know. On present plans the fixed-price contracts should be completed by the end of 1973, after which work in progress will contain some kind of escalation clause. But after the massive write-offs of the past two years it is difficult to feel sure that these contracts, taken on during a highly competitive period for the industry, have done their worst.

This is especially relevant when the effect of inflation can be compounded by strikes such as the damaging stoppage of fitters in the ship-repair yard last year.

Looking on the brighter side, the group has orders for a total of 58 ships worth more than £220 million, for which deliveries extend into 1975. Assuming at least some of these are profitable the upside gearing is substantial. The downside, on the other hand, is not at present frightening, with net liquid assets at the year-end of £12.29 million against £6.67 million and reserves of £9.47 million compared with £10.45 million.

# The Swan Hunter Group

## More encouraging long term outlook

	1970	1969
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Group Turnover including Exports £25m (1969: £21m)	£103,423	£85,504
Group Trading Loss	4,413	4,255
Investment Income and Interest	831	904
Gain on Sales of Investments	430	70
	3,152	3,281
Attributable to Minority Interests	1,553	942
Group Loss before Tax	1,600	2,339
Taxation Charge (1969: Relief)	376	688
Loss attributable to Parent Company Shareholders	£1,976	£1,651

shipowners, the flow of enquiries for new ships has shown a marked decline within recent months.

Within recent weeks, Swan Hunter Shipbuilders Ltd. has had cancelled certain contracts for refrigerated container vessels; the owners concerned having announced their decision not to proceed with the proposed service involving these vessels. Compensation will be claimed for this breach of contract. Although this decision by the owners will involve short term problems and dislocation for Swan Hunter Shipbuilders, it is expected that in the longer term it will be possible to fill these berths by other orders.

(6) The shiprepairing establishments owned or managed by the Group in the U.K. and overseas carried out in 1970 work to the value of almost £29m., an increase of £5m. over the previous year and in so doing earned a profit of £1,656,000.

All the United Kingdom yards enjoyed a high level of output during 1970 in spite of a certain amount of industrial unrest.

These shiprepairing establishments enjoy a well deserved reputation. Their ability to provide a service without the fear of industrial dispute would ensure a high level of employment and a worthwhile return to the company and its employees.

It is to be regretted that a strike of fitters has caused a serious dislocation of our shiprepairing services on the Tyne during the first half of this year. The volume of shiprepairing carried out on the Tyne has decreased in the last decade but by forceful representation to new customers at home and abroad, business on an increasing scale has been attracted. It is distressing that the fruits of such successful efforts will be lost possibly for ever as a consequence of sectional industrial actions which has repercussions out of all proportion to the numbers involved.

(7) The other activities of the Group, which include marine and general engineering, building and civil engineering, and shipowning, made a useful profitable contribution to the 1970 results.

(8) Other points of interest are:—

(a) The new fully automated panel fabricating complex at Wallsend Shipyard will be in operation by September, and shortly thereafter will be processing an additional 25,000 tons of steel per year. This plant will considerably improve our competitive ability and will prove a worthwhile investment.

(b) The management of Malta Drydock was impeded by serious and protracted labour problems during most of 1970. Good progress has been made in both yards managed by us in Singapore. Progress in the commercialisation of Sembangang Shipyard has exceeded expectations and a record turnover at Keppel Shipyard is partly attributable to new production methods and the introduction of three shift round-the-clock working.

The prospects for the Trinidad yard could be bright but its stability. Our associated company in South Africa made good progress in 1970.

(9) The scale of inflation has made 1970 a difficult year for industry generally, not only in this country but throughout Europe and indeed the shipbuilding subsidiary world. In this situation it is not surprising that taken at a highly competitive time, should suffer an unfavourable full recent heavy losses and in the meantime it should be able to make good full financial resources of the Group. As the accounts show, the satisfactory. It should also be appreciated that apart from the remainder of a Board of Trade Loan acquired in 1964, for the construction of a dry dock on the Clyde, the assets of the company are unencumbered by any loans from Government or elsewhere.

Despite the difficulties that the Group has encountered all the long term forecasts show a continuing and expanding demand for the ships. Your company has a sound and improving structure of management manned by able staff, many of them in their late twenties and thirties who will I am sure, seize the opportunities that the situation presents and carry the company forward to a prosperous future.



QUESTOR Peter Welham Peter Duffy

Heenan Beddow now offers modest reward

WHEN Heenan Beddow came back to the market just under a year ago I have to admit I was not all that enthusiastic. And in general it was missed out that you didn't miss much. Apart from the boost to assets from injecting £700 which came from the sale of the company's shares...

My review at half way

HALF WAY through 1971 is a good time to look at my portfolio for the year. On average two shares in the portfolio are showing a gain of 25.8 p.c. compared with a 12.2 p.c. gain in the Financial Times index and a 20.9 p.c. gain in the 50-share index.

QUESTOR PORTFOLIO - 1971. Table with columns: Share Name, Rec. at 1971, + or - p.c., Current Price, + or - p.c. Includes Avon Rubber, C.T. Bowring, European Ferries, etc.

MINING Edwin Arnold

Why De Beers earns a sell recommendation

I AM now convinced after some weeks of investigation that De Beers has definitely gone overvalued for at least 15 months to two years and should be sold. There will be enough in the future to buy back De Beers which ended last week unchanged at 225p.

Squeezed margins

The implication of this is squeezed profit margins. In April 1968, Mr Oppenheimer noted the proportion of larger stones in the diamond production of the world has been falling. The tendency is continuing with the result that it is difficult to meet the demand for large stones...

MARKETING

HALF of all new, nationally launched, grocery products vanish within the year. Even after the drift towards oblivion is more gentle—or at least it was until recently. Maybe not any longer.

Readicut

Frank Newhouse, Chairman, states:

- The Group profit of £2,517,725, before taxation, shows an increase of £110,408 over the profit of £2,407,317 earned in 1969/70, in spite of a substantial loss of mail order business during the postal disputes in this country and abroad, and adverse trading conditions encountered by all suppliers to the Motor Industry.

SUMMARY OF GROUP RESULTS. Table with columns: 1970/71, 1969/70. Rows: Sales, Profit before Taxation, Taxation, Profit after Taxation, Dividends for Ordinary Shareholders.

Readicut International Limited

ALEXANDERS HOLDINGS LIMITED. Salient points from the Report and Accounts. Turnover a record £8 million. Profits highest in the company's history.

Peter Dixon & Son (Holdings) Limited. Encouraging Result: Profit before taxation for the year to 3rd April 1971 amounted to £272,000 (1969/70 £651,000) after crediting profits on sale of property and investments of £184,000 (£34,000) and charging a special levy imposed in Finland of £90,000 (nil).

What THE OBSERVER thinks about the High Society. 23 MAY 1971. Goldhawk Building Society. The present rate most societies pay to those who leave their money with them is 5 per cent. But by shopping around you can do better: Goldhawk, for instance, offers 5 1/2 per cent.

High failure rate in new grocery lines



At the same time—'Five years ago,' says Mr Eassie, 'I predicted the end of the margarine boom. Nobody would listen. You did? Yes, he really did,' says Mr Kraushar. 'I think what comes screamingly out of this is the far greater sophistication of the grocery trade buyer. And promoting a new food product just isn't like launching a new car.'

Riding out the night

DESPITE the occasional leak, electrocution and caved-in floor (water is heavy) the American fan for riding out the night on a plastic bag filled with water, the waterbed, has become the country's business for companies like the United States Bedding Corporation to become involved.

Peter Dixon & Son (Holdings) Limited. Points from the Statement by the Chairman Mr. W. Bernard Dixon. Encouraging Result: Profit before taxation for the year to 3rd April 1971 amounted to £272,000 (1969/70 £651,000). Future Outlook: In view of all the uncertainties affecting the future economic state of the country, it would be impracticable to make, at this early stage, a forecast of the Group profit for the year 1971/72.

Catalin Limited. RECORD PROFIT. The 34th Annual General Meeting of Catalin Limited was held on June 25 at Waltham Abbey, Essex. Mr. J. E. Currie (the Chairman) presiding. The following are extracts from his circulated statement.

# AVERTYS LIMITED

Manufacturers of Weighing, Testing and Measuring Equipment

The Avery Group is a world-wide organisation. Its products are manufactured throughout the world. Employment is provided for 12,500 people of whom more than 3,000 are outside the United Kingdom. A highly-trained Service Organisation, employing 4,000 engineers working from 500 Branches, provides a unique after-sales service in most countries of the world.

## All-time record sales and profit

- ★ Group sales exceeded £34,000,000 — 17% higher than 1970. Excellent co-operation by our customers enabled us to start converting price-computing retail scales and supplying new decimal scales well before the end of the year.
- ★ The Group Profit before tax reached a record figure of £4,386,000 compared with £3,496,000 for the previous year — an increase of 25%. Taxation payable thereon absorbs £2,163,000 leaving £2,123,000 after taxation compared with £1,851,000. To the Group Profit after taxation falls to be added £410,000 for exceptional items and after deducting £142,000 for minority interests the amount available for distribution is £2,461,000.
- ★ In view of the improved results the Directors are recommending an increase of 3% in the Final Dividend making 26% for the year. The balance retained and ploughed back into the business is £862,000 compared with £303,000 for the previous year.
- ★ Turnover reached record levels in the second half of the year and has since continued at these levels. The order load is still high but the general economic situation at home makes forecasting more than usually difficult.
- ★ The results for the first six months last year were poor and by comparison it is expected that the first half of the current year will show a considerable improvement. The second half of the year is more difficult to forecast but, after balancing all the factors presently known, it is believed that the results for the current year will match those now presented.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 20th July 1971. Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from The Secretary, Averys Limited, Smethwick, Warley, Worcestershire.

## COMPANIES

### BIDS AND DEALS

#### British Vita

BRITISH VITA is buying the Furniture Corporation of Zambia at a price expected to be about £200,000, to be paid either in shares or cash. It is also buying the outstanding shares of Vita Zambia for £38,000—again either in shares or cash.

#### Settle Speakman

EASTERN and General Holdings, one of the City's newest "go-go" stocks, has bought a further 29,750 shares in Settle Speakman bringing its stake to just under 16 p.c. Settle Speakman has already been approached with an £1.1 million bid from the Skipper group.

Settle Speakman shares have more than doubled since the beginning of the year. On 22nd June yesterday at 268p. in a circular to shareholders SS directors have strongly rejected the Skipper offer on a number of points. The bid—a mixture of shares, loan stock and cash—is well below the present market level.

Sources close to Eastern and General suggest that it is buying of Settle Speakman shares is a pointer to a full scale bid, with an offer price nearer 280 p than a share to value the company at £1,400,000.

The negotiations for the Crystalite (Holdings) group acquire 25-5% interest in Intel Connectors have been terminated.

The board of textile machinery maker Smith Holdings (Whitworth) say that it has been offered offers have been made to certain Ordinary and Preference shareholders either to purchase their shares or to sell them at a profit. They will be writing holders as soon as possible and meantime strongly advise them to ignore any further offers of this kind.

### FINANCIAL NOTICES

MORGAN GRENPELL & CO. announces that from July 28th June 1971 their Securities Department will be located at: 1 Tabernacle Street, London EC3A 3DD. Telephone Number 01-588 4545. Completion of the move will be on and after that date should be sent to that address.

### CHAIRMEN

Associated Newspapers Group—Viscount Rothermere. The prosperity of company's business prospects, the strength of the national economy. It is particularly difficult to forecast in current circumstances how this will go during remainder of year. However, I am confident group is moving in right direction.

Avery—Mr W. L. Barrows. Turnover reached record levels in second half of the previous financial year and has since continued at these levels. Order load is still high but the general economic situation at home makes forecasting more than usually difficult. Results for first six months of last year were poor and by comparison it is expected that the first half of the current year will show a considerable improvement. The second half of the year is more difficult to forecast but, after balancing all the factors presently known, it is believed that the results for the current year will match those now presented.

Aberdeen Construction Group—Mr J. S. Crickelshank. Trading results and balance sheet satisfactory in view of the fiercely competitive conditions.

Crowden and Keves—Mr H. C. Browne. The reduction in SET will help us to meet increased well. We have started well.

Dawson and Barrow—Mr L. A. Traylor. The share price shows no serious deterioration in the economic climate. I can say with confidence that a substantial improvement in the engineering division by the end of this year.

Geo. G. Sandeman Sons and Co. (Crystalite Holdings) group acquire 25-5% interest in Intel Connectors have been terminated.

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Hurdys Bux Holdings—Mr S. Meyer. In view of the rationalisation of production in the building industry I feel confident in predicting that current year results will show a considerable improvement.

KMPF—Mr P. Lane. There is much room currently in the advertising business. It may be affected by the economy. But board is confident of being able to increase profits.

Landay and Williams—Mr G. M. McLeod. Current year results during past six months is undoubtedly in the right direction.

Majestic (Johore) Rubber Estates—Mr T. B. Barlow. Outlook for

current year favourable because the good dividends received out of 1970 profits come into our accounts this year. Unfortunately the Chancellor has done nothing to restore the position of British plantation companies which have to pay 20 p.c. more tax than their competitors registered in Malaysia.

Peter Dixon and Son (Holdings)—Mr W. Dixon. In view of all the uncertainties affecting future economic state of the country, a forecast of group profit for year 1971-72 would be impracticable. The group, however, is well placed with its modern plant and production capacity to meet an increase in business resulting from any improvement in the general economy. Chairman proposes to resign leadership of company to an outside director, Mr Fraser S. Bird, following the AGM. Mr Peter Dixon will become executive vice-chairman and remain responsible for day to day chief executive of Philip Dixon, Sterling and Overseas Investments—Mr F. A. Revell-Smith. I believe the difficult trading conditions of the last two years may now be receding.

Tutor Jenkins and Co.—Mr I. Gifford. Full implications of rising wages and costs are very disturbing. However, the climate for private housebuilding is better than for many years and group is in a sound financial position to take advantage of this trend.

### IN BRIEF

Consolidated Tea and Laidis. Second interim dividend of £1.25 per share making 30 p.c. for year to Nov. 30, 1970 (same). Pay Aug. 10. Net profit £163,129 (£57,224) before tax of £85,500 (£49,250).

### Phoenix and Spey

PHOENIX Assurance is a shareholder in Spey Westmoreland Properties, not in Spey Investments as incorrectly stated on Saturday.

### THE POUND ABROAD

The following exchange rates for the pound show Friday's closing rates in relation to the London market for the week ending 25th June:

Country	Rate	Country	Rate
Australia	10.50-10.70	10.11-10.21	
Canada	80.00-82.00	80.00-82.00	
Denmark	13.75-14.00	13.75-14.00	
France	125.00-130.00	125.00-130.00	
Germany	1.50-1.60	1.50-1.60	
Italy	16.50-17.00	16.50-17.00	
Netherlands	2.25-2.35	2.25-2.35	
Sweden	4.80-5.00	4.80-5.00	
Switzerland	2.00-2.10	2.00-2.10	
US Dollars	2.81-2.82	2.81-2.82	

## THIS WEEK'S DIVIDENDS

# BPB may not hold interim lift

OVERSEAS problems affected the last financial year at BPB Holdings, whose main activity is the building of plasterboard. Although first-year profits before tax showed a £200,000 improvement at £5.2 million, shareholders were warned that 12-month earnings could fall 10 p.c. below earlier forecasts of £6.1 million "or better".

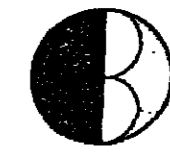
Trouble arose in the Canadian division, where prices were severely squeezed by American "dumping". Results were also affected more severely than expected by a lengthy strike of cement workers in Ireland.

The gloomy picture did not prevent the company raising the interim dividend half a point to 6 p.c. but the board warned that this was not to be taken as an indication of the final payment, due this week.

In contrast to the plight of other plasterboard makers, Airfix Industries were quite happy when the half-year figures were announced last November. At that stage, pre-tax profits were £2.9 million and the interim dividend was 12 p.c. for the first 2 1/2 months of the period. The company's results were reported to be doing record business—a welcome relief from the bad news provided by some of Airfix's big-name competitors.

Interims: Balf. W.W.; Biondetti; Pergolese; Higgs; Smalshaw (R) Kntwar. THURSDAY: Finals: Anderton; Forco; British Lion Higgs; Bash Sidar; Central and Sherwood; Collins; Hepworth; Ceramic; Hamphill; Hides; Mansfield Brewery; North Devon Developments; South Mills Textiles; Trafford Carpets. Interims: Bullock Secs; Fluidrive Eng.; Great Northern Telegraph; Northern Dairies; Raeburn Investments; Westers Publications. FRIDAY: Finals: Amar; Finance and Industrial Trust; Mutual Services; Lennox Supermarkets.

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# BARLOW RAND LIMITED

## RAND MINES LIMITED

(both incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

Merger of Rand Mines Limited with Barlow Rand Limited (formerly Thos. Barlow & Sons Limited)

Authorised Share Capital	Issued and Fully Paid
1,000,000	750,000
10,000,000	8,399,967

The Scheme of Arrangement to merge Rand Mines Limited with Barlow Rand Limited became effective today, and the Scheme is binding on all former Rand Mines shareholders.

The Stock Exchange, London, has granted permission to deal in and quotation for the Johannesburg Stock Exchange of the 20,400,000 Ordinary Barlow Rand shares allotted in terms of the Scheme in which dealings commence today.

Deals in Rand Mines shares were suspended on Friday, 25th June, 1971. London Registrars: Barlow (Holdings) Ltd., 16, Stratford Place, London, W1N 9AF. 28th June, 1971.

## OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

### NORTHAMPTON EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

(Department of Health & Social Security)

### NORTHAMPTON NEW TOWN EXPANSION AREA

The Executive Council invites General Medical Practitioners and Dental Practitioners interested in single handed or group practice in the Eastern area of Northampton to seek an interview with the Clerk of the Council at an early date.

The development area lies on the fringe of the existing Borough boundary with a potential population of some 40,000 people by the year 1980, and the present stage of development indicates that 350 houses with an approximate population of some 1,700 persons will be completed towards the end of this year. Before the end of 1972 it is anticipated that a further 1,000 homes will be completed. The population growth is planned to be at the rate of some 8,000 persons per year to the final total above.

Surgery premises will be situated in the shopping precinct and can be rented. Temporary accommodation can be provided, until the specially designed premises are available if necessary.

WILLIAM T. NOBLE, Clerk of the Council.

Northampton Executive Council, 32, Billing Road, NORTHAMPTON, NN1 5AN. Phone 33106.

### MANCHESTER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Hollings College, Wilmslow Rd., Manchester M14 6HR

### FE/55 HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF HOTEL AND CATERING MANAGEMENT GRADE V

Following the promotion of the present holder to Vice-Principal, applications are invited for the post of Head of Department of Hotel and Catering Management in this specialist College.

The Governors would wish to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced person who has had proven managerial success though not necessarily in this particular service industry. The Department is the regional centre for an increasing number of students and continues to expand its work in all sections.

Head of Department Grade V—£3395-3765

Application form and further particulars available on receipt of a self-addressed envelope from Chief Education Officer, F. E. Dept, Crown Square, Manchester, M2 3BB, to whom they should be returned by 16th July, 1971.

### UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES, ETC.

QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL, DUBLIN 4, PERTHSHIRE. PRIMARY ASSISTANT

Medical School, University of London. Research Scholarships (M.R.C.)

Graduate required for research students post-graduate in biological and physical sciences. Apply Dr. Garrett, Department of Zoology, University of London, Gower Street, London, W.C.1E.

### GENERAL

DIOCESANS OF LONDON AND SOUTHWALES. Applications for Director of Education

The Joint Directors of Education for London and Southwailes are seeking applications for the post of Director of Education. The Director will be responsible for the education of the diocese, which is one of the largest in the country. He will be expected to work closely with the Bishops and the Clergy.

Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Diocese of London, 20, Old Bailey, London, E.C.4.

### HOSPITAL SERVICES

HOSPITAL PLANNING. Board to be appointed

The Hospital Planning Board will be appointed to study and report on the future development of hospital services in the area.

Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Hospital Planning Board, 10, Old Bailey, London, E.C.4.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

Administrative Assistants required for various departments. Apply to the Personnel Department, 10, Old Bailey, London, E.C.4.

## SITUATIONS VACANT

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### REPRESENTATIVES

Trained Representative required for National Engineering Council. Apply to the Director, N.E.C., 10, Old Bailey, London, E.C.4.

### CAMBRIDGE

Assistant Secretary to University of Cambridge. Apply to the Registrar, University Library, 10, Old Bailey, London, E.C.4.

### SECRETARY

Secretary to the Cambridge University Library. Apply to the Registrar, University Library, 10, Old Bailey, London, E.C.4.

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### SHOPS AND STORES

Shop and store vacancies in various areas. Apply to the Personnel Department, 10, Old Bailey, London, E.C.4.

### OFFICE VACANCIES

Office vacancies in various departments. Apply to the Personnel Department, 10, Old Bailey, London, E.C.4.

### SECRETARY

Secretary to various departments. Apply to the Personnel Department, 10, Old Bailey, London, E.C.4.

### APPOINTMENTS FOR WOMEN

Appointments for women in various departments. Apply to the Personnel Department, 10, Old Bailey, London, E.C.4.

## SECRETARY

International Chemical Industries. Apply to the Secretary, 10, Old Bailey, London, E.C.4.

TELE-AD RECEPTIONIST SENIOR CLERK

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## THE PUNCH HOTEL

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Wimbledon Championships

STAN SMITH LOOMS AS MAJOR THREAT: MISS SHAW HEROIC

By LANCE TINGAY

DESPITE the alarms and excursions of an exciting first week, a bubbling one with increased attendances, Wimbledon comes to its last six days with the position of the front runners undisturbed.

The destiny of the men's singles is still apparently under the control of Rod Laver, John Newcombe and Stan Smith; that of the women's singles in the rivalry between Margaret Court of Australia and the American Billie-Jean King.

Seven days ago I would have rated the chances in the order of Newcombe first, Laver second and Smith third. Now, after four rounds and with three to go, I put Smith first, Laver second and Newcombe third.

Laver has had more notable victories. Clark Graebner and Tom Okker, both difficult men, in successive rounds. Even so, his excellence has been patchily displayed and so has that of Newcombe.

Smith, a ruffed elf 4in has played with clinical efficiency. If he wins he will be the first American to take the Wimbledon singles since Chuck McKinley in 1965.

He plays today against Onny Parun, one of the two men's quarter-finals that go to court, the other being Laver against Tom Gorman.

Best performance

The lean, athletic Parun, 24, from Wellington, New Zealand, has played at Wimbledon four times before, his best performance being a loss to Ken Rosewall in the third round in 1968.

On Saturday he was inspired. He served, drove and volleyed with more pace and control than he has ever done before and beat the American Mary Bleszen to establish himself the most unpredictable of the quarter-finalists.

Parun's win over Riessen was a major upset, more unexpected, in my view than the victory in the round before over Arthur Ashe, the fifth seed. The crucial point in the match was a brilliant drop shot by Parun in dispute, opening set was still

From 7-8 Parun won a love game bringing out the tie break, that is the best 12 points. He became the first 12 points, he did so to win the love game without loss, seven glorious points one after another.

Riessen muffed

It was his set 9-8 and he opened the second set with another love game and took the first point of the next. That made 16 points in the set and he was small water for him continued to lose a measure of

Smith, against whom Parun plays this afternoon, was at the same time the Australian Roy Emerson. For one set, the 33-year-old was so effective, sharp and unflinching that he was thought to have won the 1964 and 1965 titles before Emerson succeeded.

Smith's first set today, though it must not be forgotten that he has never played at this stage of the championship.

Laver will hardly view his match against Gorman with equanimity. He has won the Wimbledon Championships at Queen's Club immediately before the start of Wimbledon.

That contest was indoors on wood, a surface that often produces freak results. Some weeks before on the hard courts in Rome Laver beat Gorman in the Italian championships, though not without losing a set.

The other quarter-finalists, Rosewall against Cliff Richey and Newcombe against Dibley, will be played tomorrow.

One cannot envisage Newcombe yielding to Dibley, whose key to his unexpected last eight entry was his recovery and victory against Dennis Ralston in the third round, but Rosewall against the Texan Richey must surely be a more open issue.

On the distaff side of Wimbledon the last eight singles places are evenly shared between those

Wightman Cup team named

The British Wightman Cup side to play the United States in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 21, 22 and 23, was named this weekend, writes Lance Tingay.

I suppose I chose Miss and Mrs King, and Miss and Mrs Shaw, Joyce Williams, Neil Truman and Christine Jones, with Ann Jones as non-playing captain.

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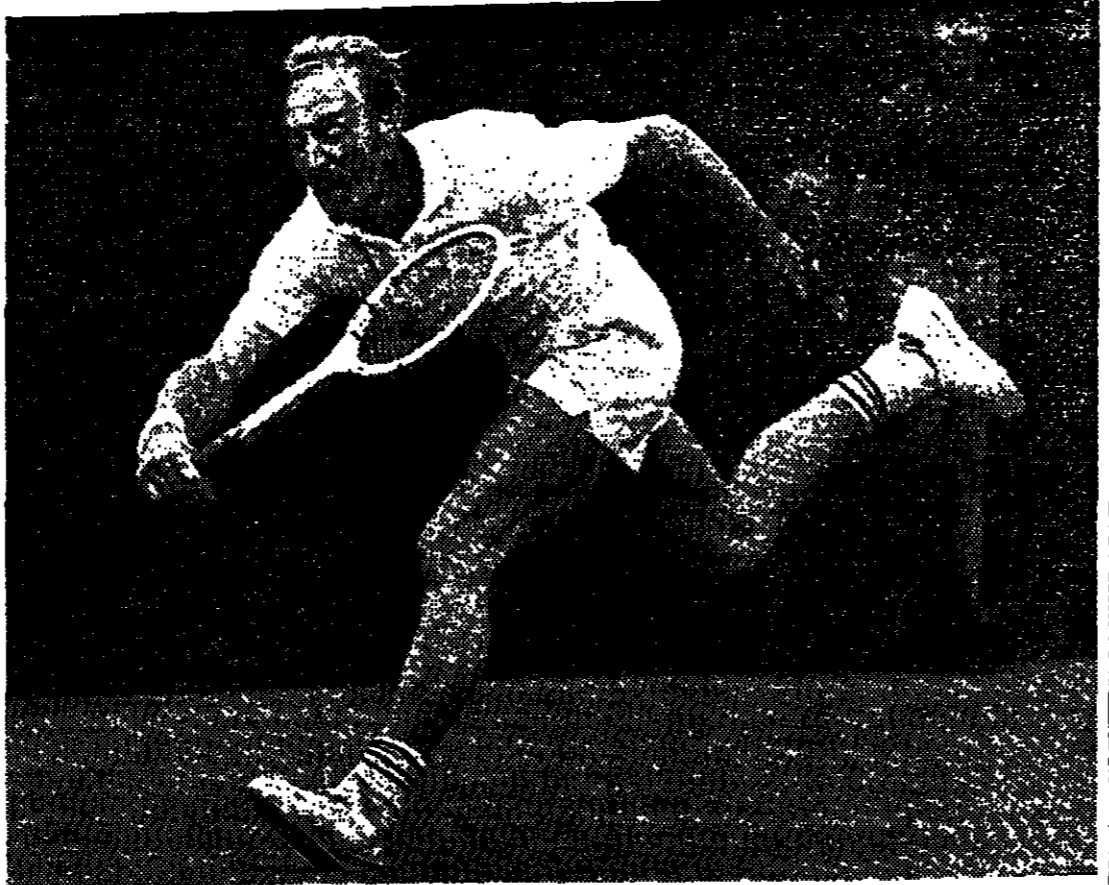
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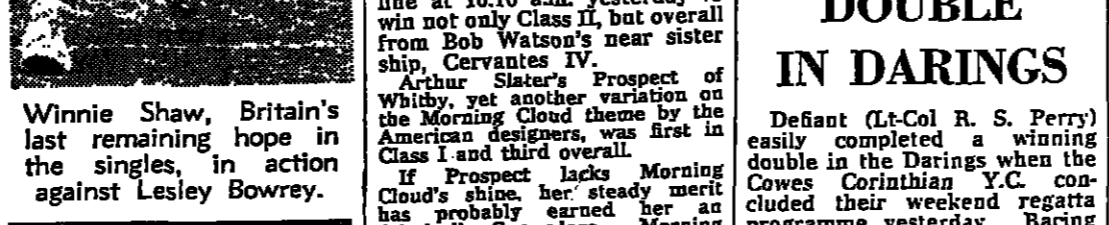
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Stan Smith stretches for a forehand and goes on to beat the former champion, Roy Emerson.



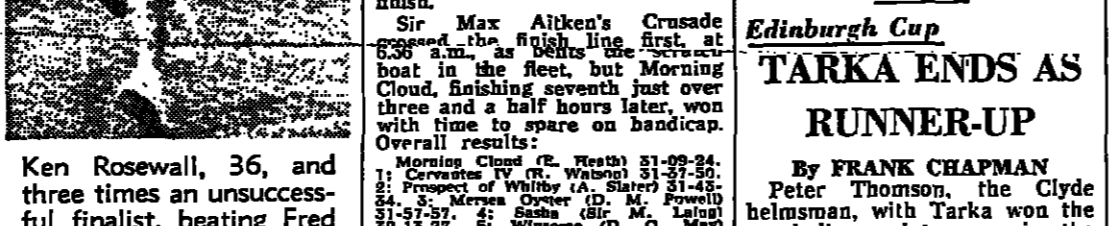
Winnie Shaw, Britain's last remaining hope in the singles, in action against Lesley Bowry.



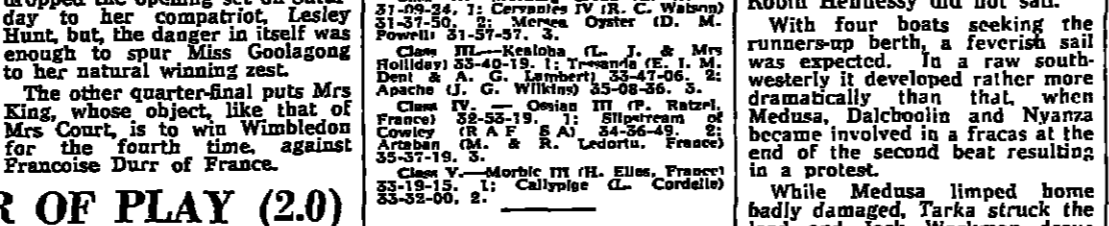
Ken Rosewall, 36, and three times an unsuccessful finalist, beating Fred Stolle to reach the last eight again.



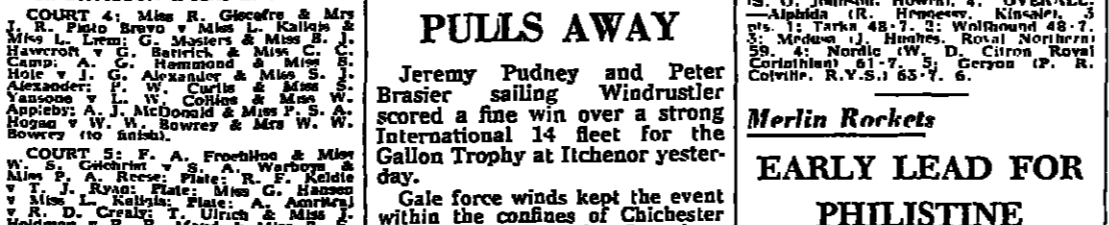
Sir Max Aitken's Crusader sailing in the morning cloud theme by the American designers, was first in Class I and third overall.



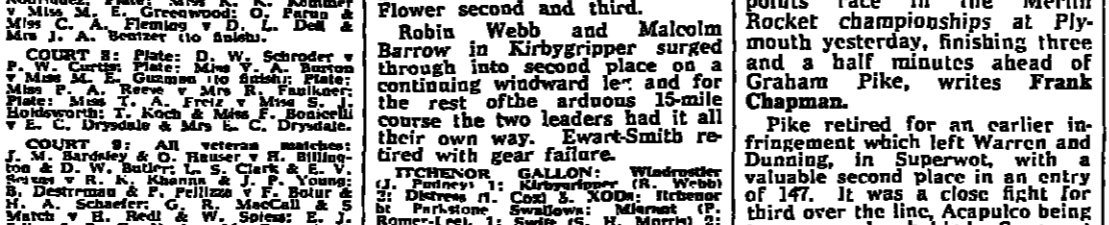
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Mrs Strickland, 33, of St James' Club, had difficulty in notching her seventh and eighth titles.



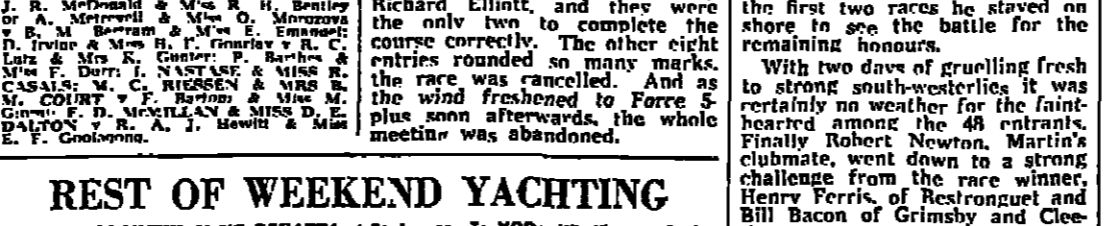
Ronnie Peterson, of Sweden, driving a March-Cosworth, won the Ronen Grand Prix yesterday to take the lead in the European Formula Two championship.



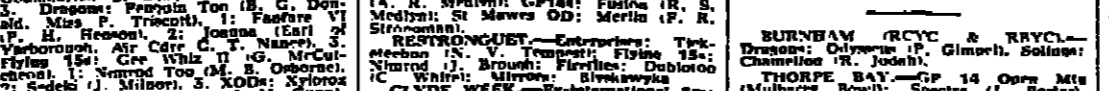
The Northern Counties F I T A Star tournament at Nelson, Lancashire, over the weekend ran unerringly to form, Barbara Strickland (Wakefield) winning her third status tournament of the season and Ted Gamble (Leamington) his second.



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Ocean Racing

Morning Cloud in with time to spare

By DAVID THORPE

EDWARD HEATH'S Morning Cloud added an easy win in the Royal Ocean Racing Club's Le Havre-Royal Sovereign race at the weekend to her already glittering credentials for a British Admiral's Cup team place.

Morning Cloud coasted past the Horsa Sand Fort finish line at 10.16 a.m. yesterday to win not only Class II, but overall from Bob Watson's near sister ship, Cervantes IV.

Arthur Sister's Prospect of Whitley, yet another contender for the Morning Cloud theme by the American designers, was first in Class I and third overall.

If Prospect lacks Morning Cloud's ability her steady merit has probably earned her an Admiral's Cup place. Morning Cloud's 20-mile win was forged during a 22-mile race in which the wind strength varied from strong to light, but which was primarily a test of close-hauled sailing in heavy weather.

69-strong fleet Against Friday night's south-westerly breeze, the 69-strong fleet were close-hauled. Then the breeze fell, and the return from the Le Havre to the Royal Sovereign Light, off Beachy Head.

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Kiel Week

MUSTO IS TOP IN DUTCHMEN

By JAMES COOTE

BRITAIN'S Keith Musto emerged as overall winner in the Flying Dutchman class at Kiel Week by winning Saturday's race.

The events planned for yesterday had to be cancelled because of lack of wind.

Sweden emerged from the week the most successful nation, winning two of the six Olympic boat categories.

The European champion, Stig Wennerstrom, took the Star class, while his compatriot Arved von Gruenewald, took first place in the Soling.

Brothers score

In all, Sweden earned 10 victories in the week-long regatta, and their crew of the brothers Peter and Arved Sundin also won the Felca Cup. Final placings:

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INDIA BLAMED FOR WRECKING OF TEA PLANTATIONS

By CLARE HOLLINGWORTH in Sylhet, East Pakistan

RESTRUCTION in the factories of the famous tea gardens in the Sylhet area of East Pakistan, and the desertion of the skilled Hindu staff is laid fairly and squarely on the Indian Government by those few British planters who remain.

Five of them, representing 20 out of a total of 250 who were managing gardens last year, yesterday met the leader of the British Parliamentary delegation to East Pakistan, Mr Arthur Bottomley, Labour M P

for Middlesbrough East, and his deputy Mr James Ramsden, Conservative M P for Harrogate.

They complained of continual harassment from across the Indian border by mortar bombs, rifle fire and at times shelling by 25-pounders.

This was in addition to the damage caused by Bangla Desh guerrillas who, the planters claimed, were being given active help on the spot by Indian Army sappers.

The shelling had done far less damage than the sappers, who had made a neat job of the destruction of the main engine rooms in several tea factories. Shelling had only destroyed bins in the empty coffee lines on one large estate.

Senior Pakistan officers who also met the Parliamentary delegation confirmed all the planters' statements on the Indian military activity along the borders of both Assam and Tripura.

Open disapproval The population in towns and villages was everywhere sullen and expressing open disapproval of the authorities and the Pakistan Army. It will not be easy for the planters to collect new staff as Mr Richard Hull, who manages a garden right on the Indian frontier proposes to do.

He told me that three weeks ago half his Hindu staff had gone to India. The half that remained were working until just before a British plane carrying Mr James Boyd, who was kidnapped on June 15.

After Mr Boyd's kidnapping a British plunger sent across the Indian border, three of his most trusted Hindu mechanics. They returned and reported that Mr Boyd was alive.

He had seen him in a Bangla Desh guerrilla camp. The Pakistan Army in the Sylhet district gave slightly different accounts of events leading up to the kidnapping. They claimed that Boyd was a man with many enemies, and had suggested that he move in with another plunger.

The Army and planters here believe that the Bangla Desh guerrillas were determined to kidnap an Englishman in the hope of frightening the other plungers, and they chose Mr Boyd because he was known to have enemies.

The Bangla Desh radio report that both Mr Boyd and Mr Philip Chalmers were taken away and shot by the Pakistani Army is unlikely, as at this moment the Pakistan authorities are doing all in their power to avoid the final destruction of the tea gardens.

Vehicles stolen The Bangla Desh guerrillas have "driven away across the border" some hundreds of private cars, jeeps and other vehicles and are now being used freely on the Indian side of the frontier.

Indeed one planter told me that with his field glasses he could see his own car.

The Pakistan authorities believe in the attempted destruction and displacement of the tea gardens, combined with communications, is an important part of what they believe to be an Indian plan to ruin what is left of the economy.

Planters here are urgently in need of fertilizer, which they cannot obtain because railways are not working. They have enormous stocks of tea which cannot be sent to West Pakistan.

Seventy-five per cent of the gardens are still owned by British firms, according to a local banker.

Crucial stage nears in talks on Rhodesia

By JOHN MILLER in Salisbury

TALKS aimed at finding a formula for ending the Anglo-Rhodesian dispute enter a new and possibly final stage this week with the expected arrival in Salisbury of more senior British officials.

Two key figures reported to be on their way from London with new proposals are Lord Goodman, the legal expert, and Sir Philip Adams, Deputy Secretary in the Cabinet Office.

Lord Goodman visited Salisbury earlier this month and made the key assessment on whether talks were feasible in view of the present Rhodesian constitution.

They will join Mr Philip Mansfield, head of the Rhodesian Department at the Foreign Office, who has had four full days of negotiations with top Rhodesian officials.

Observers expect some hard bargaining this week with Rhodesian Cabinet members, and possibly even Mr Smith, the Rhodesian leader, joining in the talks for the first time.

Majority rule It was understood that both sides have been generally pleased with the swift progress achieved last week. But it does seem clear that a major effort will have to be made now to prevent deadlock on the vital issue of majority rule.

The Rhodesians were said to have already rejected one British proposal on squaring the "first principle" with the provisions in the Constitution.

While optimism remains high in Salisbury that some kind of agreement can be worked out, Rhodesian National Front could give Mr Smith some headaches.

Mr Smith will be facing the party's executive committee of more than 100 members. Some of them were understood to be nervous at the rapid progress of the talks.

The meeting will give Mr Smith the first up-to-date assessment of how far he can move on the vital majority rule issue.

KENYA WARNING ON 'POLITICAL PROSTITUTES'

By Our Nairobi Correspondent

President Kenyatta received pledges of loyalty from hundreds of thousands of Kenyans who poured into Nairobi yesterday for a demonstration of national unity at Uhuru Park.

The demonstration follows the "coup" plan revelations made at two conspiracy trials this month, one of which ended with the imprisonment of Gideon Mutiso, a former assistant Minister for Education for nine and a half years.

President Kenyatta warned "political prostitutes" who were bribed by foreigners to cause chaos in the country that Kenyans were firm and would not allow them to meddle with the country's independence.

NEW ZEALAND SPLIT DENIED

By An Auckland Correspondent

Mr Robert Muldoon, New Zealand's Finance Minister, strongly denied yesterday he had split with cabinet colleagues over the New Zealand deal in the Common Market agreement.

"But I do not share the optimism of many of my colleagues and some dairy farmers," he said.

Observers believe his opposition may be the opening shots in a battle for leadership of the National party. Sir Keith Holyoake, the Prime Minister, may be considering resigning as he promised that his successor would have ample time to prepare for the General Election in 18 months time.

AGNEW ON TOUR

Vice-President Spiro Agnew left America by air yesterday carrying confidential messages from President Nixon to the heads of State of 10 nations. The 52-day trip is his most ambitious overseas—U P I.

MINTOFF BARS U.S. FLEET

By ALAN OSBORN in Washington

THE Maltese Government has told the United States it doesn't wish to receive visits from American Navy ships for the time being. State Department officials said in Washington yesterday.

Malta has ended such visits "pending revision of general arrangements." An official said: "We suppose they mean by that phrase."

The American Government confirmed yesterday that it had cancelled a proposed visit by the Sixth Fleet next month.

Meanwhile, a Soviet cruiser is lying off the Italian island of Lampedusa, 150 miles south-west of Malta.

Western sources believe the vessel is awaiting an invitation to sail into Valletta's Grand Harbour, until now the exclusive domain of the Western Alliance.

Mr Dom Mintoff, Malta's new Labour Prime Minister, has already invited units of the Libyan Navy.

The Sixth Fleet makes frequent port and recreation stops at Malta, an important element in Nato's defence fabric.

A leading Mintoff aide said during the election campaign that the Labour party eventually wants to make Malta completely neutral, after re-negotiating its defence arrangements with Britain when the current pact expires.

ITALIAN CONCERN Fear of major setback

OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT writes: Malta will be one of the topics at Chequers talks today between Mr Heath and Sgr Colombo, the Italian Prime Minister. They will be joined by Sir Alec Douglas-Home, the Foreign Secretary, and Sgr Moro, the Italian Foreign Minister. The four dined informally at Chequers last night after the Italian leader's arrival for a three-day visit.

Italy has watched Russia's growing naval presence and political influence in the Mediterranean with special concern. Loss of Nato's foothold on the island would be taken as a major setback.

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Yet they must have been very much in Mr Mintoff's own mind. He has told Sir Duncan Watson, the High Commissioner, that he will present his written terms today for the continuance of a British military presence on the island. Sir Duncan will take them to London shortly.

The Prime Minister stands to scrap the present defence pact and to accept a new one which Malta receives £5 million in aid annually in return for stationing British Forces. The ten-year treaty still has three years to run.

Advance party British diplomats are still unaware what he wants in its place. But he is expected to ask for a more substantial hand-out in the form of rent for the installation, which will not be automatically of use to the Nato allies.

Meanwhile, he is still keeping to the letter of the agreement. An 87-man advance party is due here today to prepare for the arrival next month of 41 Royal Marine Commando.

The 800-strong unit is to replace the Devon and Dorset Regiment being transferred to Northern Ireland.

An ideological counterbalance will be the arrival, also expected today, of Col Gadaffi's Libyan contingent, a maintenance and repair ship plus two fast patrol boats, on an official visit.

GREECE LOOKS FOR FRIENDS

By Our Athens Correspondent

As part of Greece's new policy of developing relations with its Balkan neighbours, two members of Mr Papadopoulos's Cabinet will negotiate wide co-operation agreements in Bucharest and Sofia this week.

A group of Rumanian experts is also coming to Athens to examine ways of expanding relations. New clouds, however, are shadowing Greco-Turkish relations since President Makarios rejected demands for local autonomy by the Turkish minority in Cyprus.

MAFIA LEADERS 'SUFFERING'

By Our Rome Correspondent

The number of Mafia leaders sent to enforce exile in the island of Anisina, on Sardinia, to serve sentences in Bucharest and Sofia this week.

A spokesman for Mafia men said: "We are suffering very much because of the separation from our families. This is harder to bear because there is no telephone here and we cannot hear their voices."

GIRL RESCUED BY HELICOPTER

Julia Widdowson, 15, was rescued semi-conscious from rough seas yesterday a mile off Angmering-on-Sea, Sussex and revived by the crew of an RAF rescue helicopter during a 10-minute flight to hospital.

Julia, of Griffin Way, Great Buckham, Leatherhead, Surrey, was thrown into the sea when their sailing dinghy overturned. They were picked up by a rescue launch and Julia was winched up into the helicopter.

FOR LIGHT GAUGE STAINLESS STEEL ANGLES & CHANNEL From Stock

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